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Special Correspondence of the New-York Times.

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Go where you will in this State and meet whom you will, with a few exceptions, and you will discover a feeling of aversion for Gov. BROWNLOW. This feeling seems to exist to a great extent among the radicals and those who have been loyal throughout the great struggle. The conservative classes, those who have been law-and-order men all the time, have no sympathy at all for the Governor; while those who have been known as Secessionists look upon him as their evil genius. I do not concur much with the ideas of this latter class, at least where they concern Gov. BROWNLOW, and especially as I have always been on the most intimate terms of friendship with his Excellency. I felt it my duty to seek for information among those who have ever been steadfast friends of ANDREW JOHNSON and the Union; and I find among these very same steadfast friends above referred to a spirit of disgust and dislike for the Governor. One prominent Union man says to me: "Mr. TRUMAN, I do think that, next to Pennsylvania, Tennessee is the greatest State in the Union, taking everything into consideration—its minerals, its agricultural resources, etc., etc.—but it is a great misfortune that BROWNLOW is Governor." I knew how my friend voted, and I remarked: "But you voted for him, didn't you? You did all you could to elevate him to the position which he now occupies; why not stick to him? You're a native Tennesseean, you've known him all your life, you knew his idiosyncracies, and with that knowledge you assisted in the elevation which he now enjoys. Why not stick to him?" "Well," he replied, "I'll talk to you in a different strain from what I would to our rebel brethren, because many of them hate him because he has always been loyal. As a good square Union man, though I consider *I* have a right to say what I please, and I will tell you what it is, it's a very unfortunate thing for Tennessee that old BROWNLOW is it's Governor. Now, to tell the truth, I always felt an aversion for the man, on account of his excessive profanity and vulgarity. I knew him to be totally unfit for the office. I have heard him, in his speeches years ago, enter the sanctuary of a man's home and assail the virtue of his wife and mother, just to keep up a vulgar end and make a crowd laugh, while his speeches against those men who differed with him on the slavery question—that is, those who were in favor of gradual emancipation, abolition, &c.—were the vilest and most murderous I have ever heard. He named all of the species of torture as being too good for those men, and unveiled a world of blasphemy in the denunciation of all such. But the Union soldiers of Tennessee had made up their minds that he should be the next Governor of the State, and I thought they had a better right to name the man than any one else. I should have preferred RUSSELL HOUSTON, HAZARD EAST, MANSC BRIEN, or most any other Union man, to the Parson; but I went in for what our soldiers said was their preference, and although I would rather see him, with all his glaring faults, than a rebel or ex-rebel, in the same position, I repeat it, that his elevation to the Gubernatorial chair of Tennessee was, next to the secession of the State, the most unfortunate thing that ever happened us." I give this verbatim, from one of the best Union men in the State, and regret to add that the above is the tenor of the feeling regarding the Governor of most of the loyal men throughout the State. I do not agree, maybe, with all the gentleman has said. I was in Tennessee at the time of Mr. BROWNLOW's election, and I take pleasure in saying that I voted for him, purely on account of the circumstances of the occasion. In some of my late letters I have spoke kindly of many of those who have been in the rebel service. This is because I, in common with all persons of sense, love a brave man. But I have no hesitation in saying that I honor a Union man of the South above all other men; and I guess no man questions BROWNLOW's patriotism. For it he was cast into a dungeon. For his unselfish course and for his patriotic devotion he was outraged and persecuted, and his family was insulted. He stood firm, however, and saved his neck only because he had cowards to deal with. He made his way into the Federal lines, and did all he could to promote the welfare of our cause. His two sons went into the Federal army, and both did good service. I think his son JIM is one of the bravest men in the country. Every General says this whom he has served under. He has been in sixty odd battles and skirmishes, and has been shot through both legs. I was with him at the theatre a few nights ago, and at the end of the first act we went into a saloon adjoining. A person stepped up to him and said: "You're fighting JIM BROWNLOW, I believe?" "I'm JIM BROWNLOW," says the General. "Well," says the other, "I'm an ex-rebel Colonel. I cleaned out your regiment once." "You're a liar!" says BROWNLOW. This means shoot, down this way; and I must say it's the first time I ever heard the ejaculation without a belligerent manifestation since I have been in the South. The "so called," however, didn't seem to be on the fight, and he went on to say: "Oh, you needn't get indignant, for I saved your father from hanging once." "You're a liar, Sir!" rejoined BROWNLOW; "no rebel ever saved him from hanging; and if I had my pistol with me, I'd shoot you dead for this insult." We then went out, and BROWNLOW asked me if I had a pistol. I told him that I had not, but that I could borrow one from ED. MAYNARD. We went up stairs, and young MAYNARD lent BROWNLOW his pistol. The latter cocked it, and we went down stairs, but the rebel Colonel had vamosed the shebang. It was good that he did so, for BROWNLOW went purposely to kill him. I tell this anecdote to show that young BROWNLOW, like his father, has no fear in his composition. But there is still another very great reason why I voted for Gov. BROWNLOW, and that was because, if we had not elected him, the "so-called" would have had everything their own way at that time; and, of course, as he was the soldiers' candidate, I not only voted, but did all I could for him. Gov. BROWNLOW is not so choice in his construction of sentences as he should be—every one admits that; and he has none of that dignity which should clothe him in his high official position; for he certainly, as Governor of the great State of Tennessee, lowers himself in the estimation of those who elevated him, when he stoops to answer scurrilous letters written by the contemptible admirers of EM. ETHERIDGE, and signs himself "W. G. BROWNLOW, editor of the Knoxville *Whig* & *Rebel Ventilator*." It puts one in mind of Doctor Fanfeots, who gets mixed up in aberration and signs himself an A. S. S.

In conclusion, it *may* be unfortunate that a more dignified and educated man than BROWNLOW is not Governor. But it was not unfortunate that he was selected, when we look calmly at the circumstances. We cannot forget those men who have made sacrifices for the Union, and I cheerfully overlook all of BROWNLOW's idiosyncracies and errors when I picture him in the dungeon where he had been thrust because he was a loyal man. Besides, a great many of these men who say that it is unfortunate that BROWNLOW is Governor, admit that it would have been far more unfortunate had he not been elevated to that office. So, on the whole, maybe it's a good thing after all.

President JOHNSON's policy of reconstruction, so grand and patriotic in its conception, is only clogged in its execution by the disunion marplots of the extreme Radical parties in Congress and out, who, with all their seeming philanthropy and so-called patriotism, are diligently engaged in creating new strife, opening afresh old wounds, and provoking into fever heat those passions which have been partially allayed. In the name of peace, and in these times of peace, these men seem to be thirsting for more blood. They seem to ignore the closing scenes of the great war, so grand in all their combinations, or if not they seem to again stab at the empire before it has fully recovered its glory. They arrogantly refuse to ratify the glorious result of a bloody four years' war, and in their jubilee of hate and unforgiveness, they blaspheme the name of God by their invocations of his almighty power to aid them in their infamous designs.

But Peace is here and War is no more; and all the latter day disunionists living cannot again provoke our Republican people into a mutual letting of blood. In this connection let me inform you that everything goes well in this section of the country. Throughout Middle Tennessee there is more real determination to abide by, and respect the laws of the United States Government; and there is also more true love for Southern men, and a greater desire for emigration to this section than ever existed before the war during the past thirty years. There is not a man in Middle Tennessee who would raise his hand against the government, neither is there a man who does not respect and honor the flag of the free. Let some of these gentlemen who prate about the disloyalty of the South discard the petty sayings of a few dirty itinerant preachers and hungry editors, duly placed before them in an exaggerated form by a shovelful of incendiary editors of the North, and come down into the South unprejudiced, and they will be thrilled with the manliness and loyalty of the people.

I occasionally hear a person say that the policy of the President is a new thing with him. So the Copperheads used to say of him—that he had changed. But *he never* changed in the least. The *party* to which he had belonged for a lifetime *changed*, but he never. So with his policy of reconstruction and restoration—it is no new thing. Two years ago and more he made speeches at Shelbyville, Murfreesboro and other places in Middle Tennessee, and at Knoxville and other places in East Tennessee, wherein he urged the people to meet in convention, form a new constitution, appoint a day for the election of Governor and Members of the Legislature, and set the machinery of the State in motion, &c., &c. The State, after a good deal of hemming and hawing, did as he advised it, and long before he was President, or even Vice-President of the United States, his *present* policy of reconstruction and restoration was a perfect success in Tennessee, and Mr. LINCOLN thanked him for what he had done, and pronounced his work complete. So, after all, if his present policy is not in fact Mr. LINCOLN's, it was indorsed by the latter in the strongest and most generous terms. The people of Tennessee have come square up to the mark, and no political dissensions exist in this State whatever. Really, I am amazed at the loyal tenor of the people, for I was one of those who believed that the war would taper off at least with guerrillaism, and other acts of strife, lawlessness, an utter disregard for law and order, and expressions of hate and vindictiveness. But exactly the reverse is the case. There is a feeling of harmony and confidence already rife which cannot be disturbed. State, county and city governments work as usual before the war, and with as much harmony. And all the Confederate soldiers I have met, although they are too brave to hang down their heads, admit that they have been handsomely whipped and magnanimously treated.

In the middle section of the State, of late, a multiplicity of painful events have transpired. Some fifty 3d murders and hundreds of highway robberies have occurred within the past four months. But not one of these acts, so far has been proven, has been committed by citizens of Tennessee; but by our own soldiers and government employés. The latter class, especially those who have been discharged from the service, have for a great part, turned highway robbers and murderers. The capture and conviction of the five murderers of Mr. HEFFERMAN, however, has rid the community, it is hoped, of all such desperate gangs.

In East Tennessee, for a few months past, a little political feeling has prevailed. This was anticipated, and is the result of the bad teaching of the Knoxville *Whig*. I do not know the author of the articles, but they were in bad taste to say the least. The first few months, after the cessation of hostilities, this newspaper advised the loyal East Tennesseeans to deal with the returned rebels harshly; to drive them out of the State, to shoot them down, &c., &c. This paper also sought to elevate the negro at the expense of the white people, and against all manner of reason. The consequence was that a scene of strife took place between those who had been loyal and those who had been disloyal, which made civilization blush. And the negroes acted worse than the white people. They shot down whom and when they pleased, and actually crowded the acting editor of the *Whig* off the pavement. He suddenly changed his tone and an onslaught was made upon the negro, which culminated in the denial of his right to testify in the courts, the loyal East Tennesseeans being the party who defeated the bill. But a change has taken place in that section, and things augur well.

Speaking of the defeat of the Negro Testimony Bill, the friends of that necessary and wise measure need not be alarmed as to what Tennessee will do. Her Legislature, which is composed for the most part of radically loyal men, will pass the bill in a few weeks. As I said above, the most loyal men in the Legislature were those who defeated the bill, and they are too good and too pure to act unwisely further. The fact is, the doctrines of the *Whig* had made the colored man a little better than a white man, and the former immediately took advantage of his exalted position. Now that these unpleasant things have reached their height, Gov. BROWNLOW says: "That if there is anything that a loyal Tennessean hates more than a rebel, it is a nigger." That's played out; and is a very lame excuse for the disagreeable state of things which have resulted from the *Whig's* teaching.

As a general thing the newspapers of Tennessee are loyal, and are doing good service. There are more daily papers in Nashville than there are in Philadelphia. The *Republican Banner*, the *Union* and the *Despatch* are the three best and most reliable Union papers in this city, and are edited by gentlemen whose whole souls are for the Union and the Administration. The *Gazette* and the *Union & American* are "so-call'd" loyal papers. The *Press & Times* is in the style of the Cincinnati *Gazette*, and damns everybody as disloyal who does not regard a colored man as *better* than a white person. It is a curious fact that the "so-called" papers, like the Mobile *Register*, Nashville *Union & American*, Louisville *Courier*, and the like, and the raving, rampant, non-reconstruction, negro-suffrage papers, like the Cincinnati *Gazette*, St. Louis *Democrat*, Nashville *Press & Times*, and the like, are the papers that at present are doing all the harm. Both sides are raking up old stories, and tearing afresh old wounds. They have crossed swords with each other, every thrust of which cuts the true friends of the Union; and the contending parties know it, and, I guess, are glad of it.

As might be supposed, the freedmen of this State are in good condition. Were they not, it would be folly to try to put them in the way of improvement, for they have been to all intents and purposes free for three years. The Commissioner of Freedmen of this State, Gen. FISK, is, next to Gens. TILLSON and SWAYNE, of Georgia and Alabama, the best man I have seen in the Freedmen's Department. He seems to understand his business very well; and although he is a little officious and boastful, he is not narrow minded. Gen. FISK, in saying a good big thing for himself, and an unkind word for his colleagues TILLSON and SWAYNE, must recollect that there was a slight difference between the state of things in Georgia and Alabama and the state of things in Tennessee at the close of the war. Gens. TILLSON and SWAYNE had nearly half a million of blacks each on their hands, two hundred thousand of whom were in a state of utter destitution. And at this very moment, the freedmen of Gen. TILLSON's department are as well off as those in FISK's. Again: A long time before FISK had anything to do with the freedmen of Tennessee, they were doing very well for themselves. Through the sagacity and kindness of President JOHNSON, Gen. GILLEM, Maj. STEARNS and others, the freedmen of Tennessee were getting along excellently well. Nearly one-half of the young blacks were soldiers in the Union army, while the other half had scattered themselves all over the United States. But Gen. FISK is a first-class man, and has changed a little in his own tactics. He is telling the negroes that they must work; and he has abandoned his enterprise (which, of course, he had no right to do) of taxing liquor-sellers, gamblers and courtesans for their support. Gen. FISK did a huge thing a day or two ago. He established a freedmen's court; and intends that the colored man shall have full justice shown him. This court will be kept up until the Legislature shall deem it proper to give the colored people all their rights.

If there is any class of people enjoying their freedom, and flourishing as a class in any State in the Union, it is the colored people of Tennessee. I am personally acquainted with hundreds of the prominent colored men of this State, and they tell me that the masses of the colored people are living happy and contented. All the colored man of Tennessee wants now is the legal right to testify in the courts, to sue and be sued, &c., &c. The time may come when he may be entitled to the rights of suffrage. In fact, it is not unreasonable to anticipate this. But it would be exceedingly indiscreet and unwise to give him this right at present. The negro, like many white men, cannot stand too much prosperity. And, in more than one sense, it would be casting pearls before swine. I suppose there are more wealthy colored men in Nashville than in any other Southern city. There is also a fine newspaper carried on in their interest, owned and edited by colored men. It is called the *Colored Tennesseean*, and has quite a large circulation.

For two years past several large cotton plantations have been carried on by Federal officers in the counties of Davidson Rutherford, Manny, Williamson and others, all of the work being done by blacks. This fully tests the labor question, which has been a success all over Tennessee.

I did not learn how many poor negroes Gen. FISK has on his hands, but it cannot be but a few hundred, unless he is being imposed upon. Gen. WILSON is supporting but two thousand in Georgia, and out of nearly a hundred thousand emancipated slaves in Florida, none are being supported by the government.

Gen. FISK is at present attending to the blacks of Kentucky, and I guess he has his hands full; for, from all accounts, the freedmen of that State are worse off than in Tennessee. In fact, almost everybody and everything are worse off in Kentucky than in Tennessee, and it isn't singular at all that such should be the case.

The feeling of the people, especially those who have always been loyal—and that is one-third of the white citizens of the State—is intensely bitter against Mr. SUMNER and his radical colleagues in the Senate, and Mr. STEVENS and his party in the House. The people, as a whole people, feel that they have been outraged beyond all precedent, and entertain a feeling bordering upon hatred for those gentlemen in Congress who are attempting to degrade those loyal men who have been sent to Washington as their Senators and Representatives. The State which has furnished 35,000 soldiers and sailors for the Army and Navy of the United States—the State which has furnished ANDREW JOHNSON, the sterling patriot, who was elevated to his high position by the people of the United States—the State which furnished FARRAGUT, the greatest sailor in the world, and the State which has patriotically sent two Senators and seven Representatives to the United States Congress who can take the test oath, will not soon forget the outrage. There is not a citizen of the State, nor a Federal officer or soldier within the State, but who declares the act an outrage. And the great masses of the people North, thank God, who fought through a four years' war for the preservation of the Union, will not countenance this attempt by Congress to destroy their work. Only think of it, for four long years we expended oceans of blood and millions of treasure to keep the Southern States from going out of the Union, and now that we have succeeded, our Congress would up with its foot and kick them out—kick out the very States that our soldiers have been fighting for four years to keep in. What in the world is all this for? Is it possible that Senator SUMNER wishes to revenge himself upon the whole Southern race for the dastardly act of BROOKS some years ago? The loyal men here hope not.

That unostentatious old war-horse, Gen. GEORGE H. THOMAS, whom we all love so well, and who, one year ago, was chasing our friend HOOD out of Tennessee, I met upon the street yesterday. He looked just as good as he is. Who is there that we are more indebted to than to him? He won the first victory in the Southwest, and just at the time when things looked very gloomy; and he closed the war in the same section, by winning the last victory. And then, Stone River and Chickamauga—where would our armies have been had his presence not been there? He is a soldier all over. He is, in the fullest sense, no politician; neither is he a demagogue with his men. He is a strict disciplinarian. He never had any Truesdalls about him, and he accepts no presents of brownstone houses, or carriages and teams. And he is all magnanimity and charity. It was his magnanimous spirit which induced him to refuse BUELL's command three years ago, and he charitably forbids criticism of ROSECRANS in his presence. He is the noblest Roman of them all.

The first battalion of the Sixteenth infantry left this city for Augusta a few days ago, to relieve the Nineteenth infantry, which is en route for Little Rock. The second and third battalions of the Sixteenth will remain here during the winter.

A brigade of colored troops are being mustered out of the service in this city. This brigade has done some excellent service in several hard-fought fields. Its commander, Gen. C. F. THOMPSON, has the reputation of being one of the bravest young men in the service. Colonels HARRY STONE and INNESS, commanding regiments in this brigade, enjoy the same fame.

BEN. C. TRUMAN.

VIRGINIA.

An Able Legislature—An Attempt to Obtain Remuneration for the Loss of Slaves—Usury Laws and the National Banks—Organization of the Militia—The State Treasury, University and Library—Interesting Reports—Infirm and Helpless Freedmen.

From Our Own Correspondent.

SPOTSWOOD, RICHMOND, Va., Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1866.

The Legislature met this morning, after its holiday recess, and immediately proceeded to earnest work, taking up the files where they had left them, and disposing of several bills of local importance. The general opinion as to this body is that it is one of the best that has assembled here for many years, and, comparing it with other Legislatures that I have seen in the South, I have no hesitation in pronouncing it the most intelligent and able assemblage of the sort in "Dixie." Its members are many of them new in the harness, but actuated, as they all seem to be, with a desire for the good of the Commonwealth at large, they work together harmoniously. There are a few of the radical rebel stripe, but they are almost as contemptible in numbers as in principle, and are powerless.

PROPERTY LOST IN THE WAR.

A bill providing for a valuation of all property, public and private, lost to the owners by the operations of the armies on either side during the late war, including slaves with their value at the date of President LINCOLN's Emancipation Proclamation, was taken up on its final passage.

Mr. JOYNS, of Petersburgh, a prominent Union man by the way, was the most earnest of the opponents to the bill. He could not see that any public benefit would be derived from the proposed valuation; but on the contrary, great expense would be entailed on the counties in the execution of its provisions. He did not expect that the losers would ever be paid for their losses, and advertised his desire to sell his slaves at twenty-five cents per head, thereby intimating, I infer, that the bill was a covert movement paving the way for future efforts to obtain remuneration for the freed slaves.

Mr. HANSBURG, of Stafford, said that he represented two counties, which were completely devastated by the war, (BURNSIDE, HOOKER and MEADE, all camped their armies at different times on the property of the gentleman's constituents,) but he continued "we consider our property gone—clean gone!"

None of the friends of the bill seemed inclined to support it publicly, and after some futher debate, it was indefinitely postponed.

USURY LAWS.

In the Senate, the Usury Bill, repealing the existing law, and establishing ten per cent. as the maximum rate of interest, was discussed, but no final action taken.

Mr. GILMER, of Richmond, who earned a reputation as a Union man during the war by services rendered in *habeas corpus* cases of Maryland soldiers, was particularly earnest in his remarks, advocating the repeal of all laws on the subject, and leaving the matter of usury to the contracting parties. He denounced the National Banks as "street-corner brokers," and announced his desire to "drive them all out of the State," and establish State Banks in their stead. He particularly referred to the banks already established in this State, as not worth a "snap" of his finger as regards their relations to the agricultural and solid elements of the community.

REPORTS OF STATE OFFICERS.

The reports of the several officers of the Commonwealth for the past year were sent to the Legislature to-day, and from that of Gen. STROTHER, ("Porte Crayon,") Adjutant-General, I make the following extract respecting the

ORGANIZATION OF THE MILITIA.

Owing to the political condition of the country and the want of arms and money, no steps have been taken toward a general reorganization of the militia under the existing laws. But in response to numerous calls from the counties where there seems to be good grounds for apprehension of trouble from the recently-emancipated slaves, Adjutants have been appointed, with orders to enrol and organize companies of volunteers, to be used as a local police under the authority of the civil magistrates. Up to this date Adjutants have been appointed for thirty-three counties. Although some of these appointments have been made more than a month ago, no returns have yet been received. From eight or ten counties from which I have had returns the reports are unfavorable, the people having refused to volunteer. Unofficial information from other disricts confirms the impression that there is a very general disinclination among the people to join any military organization. One appointee has returned his commission on the plea of poverty and ill-health. Another declares his in ability to accept the appointment unless there is some sufficient pay attached to it. There has been but a single case of a favorable return from the County Adjutants heretofore appointed. The Adjutant for Charlotte reports that he has raised seventy-five men, and asks for arms.

On the 24th November, ult., I made application to Major-Gen. TERRY for the loan of arms and equipments to furnish the proposed companies of volunteer militia. He replied that "he had no authority to issue arms for any purpose, not even to arm one of his own regiments should it require them." A similar application, made to the government at Washington, was referred by the Secretary of War to Gen. TERRY.

From the same report I learn that the arsenal and all the concomitant war material is in the possession of the United States, with national troops guarding it. Also, that "seven or eight thousand muskets in good condition, and a light battery of five pieces," claimed by the State, "have been taken and removed by the United States authorities."

THE TREASURY.

The report of Mr. FRANCIS J. SMITH, Treasurer, is brief and pointed; and shows, among other interesting things, the fact that he has in his charge $237,000 in "Confederate States Registered Bonds," on deposit as banking security for some of the banks of the State; and that of the twenty-two banks enumerated by him, only four held such securities at the time of the fall of the rebellion. This statement may be considered significant, as it indicates a lack of faith in the success of the Jeff. Davis usurpation on the part of Virginia capitalists. In the statement of "receipts and disbursements," I find that the income of the State for the fiscal year ending Oct. 1, 1865, was $125,022 10 while the expenditure amounted to $93,235 16, leaving a balance on hand at that date of $98,083 73.

THE STATE UNIVERSITY.

The report of the rector and visitors of the University of Virginia indicates a deplorable condition of affairs financially in that institution. It seems that the professors thereof have subsisted for the last four years on a salary which has been "less than four hundred and fifty dollars in purchasing value." During the past two years, the "annual emolument" to each has been less than one hundred dollars. The faculty are of the opinion that the institution cannot be permanently maintained without a large contribution from the State, approximating $15,000. They say that if it is allowed in the future to "depend on its own unaided resources, it must decline into a seminary of very subordinate rank, or become extinct altogether." There is a balance on hand in the possession of the Proctor, of funds belonging to the university, of $4,910 85; but it is in "Confederate Treasury notes." The funded debt is $38,000. There are fifty-five students in attendance, a majority of whom are disabled Confederate soldiers. Nearly half of them pay no fees.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

The report of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Col. CHAS. H. LEWIS, is confined to the interests of the State Library, which has been robbed of many of its choicest objects of interest by the spoilers who were with and followed in the wake of our army at the occupation. The library, being a very old one, contained many valuable relics of our colonial history, most of which have disappeared. The rebel librarian ran away at the evacuation and thus his charge was left open to plunder, until the "restored government" took possession of the Capitol building. On the expense account I find one item—a charge of $6 for subscription to the *National Intelligencer*—which shows a reverence for old things if not for good ones, on the part of the Secretary. The copperplates of the map of the State were in Washington during the war, and were used by the Topographical Corps of our army in printing maps for its use. The Secretary recommends that new maps be printed from them, as there are none on hand and there is great demand for them. I suppose the army of one Mr. LEE used up the edition on hand at the commencement of the war.

FREEDMEN'S BUREAU.

The order (first published in the TIMES) from Col. BROWN and since amended by him and issued a few days ago, relative to the "turning out of doors of helpless and infirm freedmen," produced considerable excitement throughout the whole State, but it effectually prevented such proceedings. Col. BROWN was induced to issue the order by advice received from members of the Legislature, one of whom stated that in his county two thousand helpless creatures would be forced from their homes on New-Year's day. The statutes of the State prohibit owners from doing this, but it was a question whether or not the law would be respected, now that slavery is abolished. One thing is certain, either their late owners, or the General Government through the Freedmen's Bureau, must support this class for some time to come, as the State has not yet made any provision for their maintenance.

E. P. B.

Legislative Proceedings—Important to Bill Holders of the Old State Banks—Immigration, Vagrancy, &c.

From Our Own Correspondent.

SPOTSWOOD, RICHMOND, VA., Thursday, Jan. 4, 1866.

In both Houses of the Legislature to-day, the matter of an equitable division of the old debt of Virginia, between it and the new State of West Virginia, came up. In the Senate a bill was introduced providing for the appointment of two commissioners, not residents of either State, by each State, whose duty it shall be to decide on the question of division, and who have power, in case of disagreement, to select their own umpire. Some such a bill will undoubtedly pass, as there is immediate demand for it.

Important legislation on the subject of winding up the old State Banks was introduced in the House of Delegates this morning, but no final action has yet been taken. The object to be accomplished, by the bill offered to-day, seems to be in effect to stop all proceedings against the old banks, by non-residents, in Federal courts, by preventing the banks from making assignments. It is claimed that non-residents now have an advantage over Virginia bill-holders in making collections, and it is proposed to give each an equal chance. The Committee on Banks, &c., will soon report a new bill, and it will be of considerable interest to the New-York brokers, as well as others, who have been buying the notes of the old banks of this State.

An immense immigration scheme, in the shape of a bill organizing a corporation for that purpose, appeared in the House to-day on its second reading, and was laid on the table. The bill authorizes seven gentlemen therein named to do everything that an ordinary banking institution would do, even to negotiating the sale of promises to pay issued by them in behalf of the [corporation, beside the purchase of steamers, erection of wharves, &c., &c. The capital stock is stated at $300,000, with power to increase it to five millions, and is to consist of $100 bonds. This is the most extensive enterprise of the kind yet broached here, and attracts considerable attention.

Bills of local importance, almost innumerable, pass the Legislature in the ordinary course of grinding, to authorize different corporations to extend their indebtedness. Day after day propositions of this kind are made, and the Legislature generally accedes with but little investigation. The result is that nearly every corporation in the State will soon be head over heels in debt, provided they can negotiate the wished for loans.

A bill providing for the punishment of vagrants was under consideration in the House. It differs from most of the vagrant acts proposed in other Southern States, by arranging for the hiring out instead of sale of all persons convicted under its provisions, and recites, by way of preamble, that "there hath been a great increase of idle and disorderly persons in some parts of this Commonwealth, who are deemed rogues and vagabonds," and that the overrunning of the State by dissolute and abandoned characters is threatened. No distinction is made on the ground of color; but any one found guilty of vagrancy is amenable to punishment, consisting of three months of unremunerated labor, either for the county or for some person who may hire said person from the county. No final action was taken.

E. P. B.

The Days of Chivalry Revived—The Pleasant Pop'ot the Pistol in the Capitol—Editors Indulging in Double-leaded Matter—A Great Fuss but Nobody Hurt.

From Our Own Correspondent.

SPOTSWOOD, RICHMOND, VA., Friday, Jan. 5, 1865.

Richmond is agog with rumors. The first real sensation that has transpired since the Mayo election took place to-day in the rotunda of the Capitol, while the House of Delegates was yet in session. Two newspaperial gentlemen are the respective head centres of the rumors, while a third gentleman of the same persuasion comes in for a share of the gossip.

H. RIVES POLLARD, not the historian, but he who "seecked" on the dogs of war from afar off during the palmy days of the chivalrous usurpation, and who explained that GRANT, SHERMAN, et al., of the Yankee-soldier persuasion, were of no account, and merely led "hordes of cowardly hirelings," took it upon himself to enact the whole part of editor of the *Examiner*, the toga of which he has assumed since the death of JOHN M. DANIEL, who *did* have the courage to fight duels, but he (POLLARD) failed—ignominiously failed. NAT. TYLER, who has the sobriquet of "Unquestionable Nat," because he said "unquestionably not," once on a time when DANIEL above-mentioned challenged him, and who is now the chief bugler of the *Enquirer*, stood the brunt of a half-dozen shots from said POLLARD without being hit; Mr. WILLIAM D. COLEMAN, his coadjutor, was his reserve and his powerful reinforcement during the action. The tactics and strategy displayed by the chivalrous combatants was admirable, when considered from a bushwhacking point of view. TYLER was engaged in the House Chamber, and POLLARD lurked bushwhackerly around the stove of the rotunda. It was known that POLLARD had threatened; but then the *Examiner* always talks loudly. TYLER came out, accompanied by a friend, when the enraged POLLARD accosted him, subduing his passion, and with the usual polite and gentlemanly language for which the chivalry are noted, added—"You have insulted me." This was the tocsin and the bugle note for the encounter. Enraged and furious, each party claims that the other drew a pistol first. One thing is certain, POLLARD fired first. His courage oozing out of his fingers' ends caused them to tremble, and the shot sped harmlessly up into the dome, while he made a rapid and successful detour to the rear of the marble statue of WASHINGTON. From this secure position, which he seemed disposed to hold at all hazards, he fired two more shots, equally harmless as the first. At this juncture the engagement seemed "which and t'other," TYLER holding his pistol in his hand, hesitating to shoot for fear of injuring some innocent person. Not POLLARD was it to hesitate at such a crisis, but he it was who fired again, his shot taking effect on the statue aforesaid, and knocking off one of the tassels attached to the cane. The House was emptied, but the rotunda was not filled. It wasn't a safe place during the transaction of saltpetre experiments; but reinforcements to the *Enquirer* came up, and a new combatant appeared. Mr. COLEMAN, the junior of that establishment, leveled his pistol, and, with unerring aim, hit nobody. He repeated the operation, and probably would have continued until his ammunition gave out, had not his chief commanded him, in a war-like voice, "Reserve your fire, Sir." POLLARD turned on his new assailant, and, placing himself in an unflankable position, fired two more shots, damaging the stove, his original base of operations, and which, by the way, is the oldest institution of that sort in the United States, very slightly. TYLER rested his arm on the railing around the statue, and prepared to let daylight through his opponent, but a colored boy (the inevitable darkey, he won't even let chivalry fight without getting mixed up in the scrape) passed between the muzzle of his pistol and the object at which it was aimed, and therefore he desisted once again, just in time to hear Mr. BURKE, the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House, command "peace." He listened to the command and obeyed, or there might not have been a piece of the warlike POLLARD left except the gravestone which he deserves.

All the combatants were captured, and manfully accompanied the officers into the House Chamber, and were arraigned at its bar. They, with Virginia editorial ability, were quite at home at the bar, but POLLARD having the advantage of more frequent practice, got in the first "say." He did not call for a gin-cocktail, as was his wonted habit, but explained that he had been looking for Mr. TYLER at his office, and not finding him there had come to the Capitol and there met him, when he (TYLER) replied to his addresses by pulling out a pistol.

TYLER, being allowed to speak his piece, said that he had not broken it (the peace) but merely acted in self-defence.

COLEMAN, Grant-like, said nothing. Then came the richest part of the whole transaction. The House had an elephant—three of them in fact—on its hands, and did not know what to do in the premises. The door-keepers had each a prisoner by the collar or coat-tail, holding fast like grim death to a dead monkey, while the learned gentlemen debated as to their final disposition.

"Have we no right to resent this insult to our dignity," said one; "or shall we let them go to and laughed at by the whole world." The speaker well knew that the eyes of the Sandwich Islanders and Mazambiquers were turned on Virginia at that moment, and he feared their ridicule, or perhaps some remark that the occurrence might elicit in the Congress of one of Uncle Sam's people. Others wanted committees appointed, and others still wanted the matter referred to the Committee of the Whole, and pending the discussion, the House adjourned. The belligerents were marched off to their respective hotels for dinner, and I saw the *Examiner* fellow, flanked by his suite, dine at the Spotswood as coolly and collectedly as if he had just written another editorial to prove that SHERMAN and his army had been drowned in the swamps of South Carolina. COLEMAN refreshed himself at the Ballard, and TYLER told his tale to wondering friends, a coterie of which surrounded him in his sanctum.

The cause of all this trouble is the desire of the parties interested to manipulate a certain public test, which the *Examiner* calls "The Publick Printing." That paper stated that the *Enquirer* was relying on credit to procure an office to do the work, in case it should get the contract. The *Enquirer* "merely noticed the slander," in order that it might state to the public that it "is now receiving" the necessary material from New-York, and to "fix the falsehood" on the *Examiner*. Proud of its reputation for truth, (*vide* its war files,) the *Examiner* rushed to arms, and the result is a—*farce*, worthy of DAN BRYANT's courageous minstrels, or DAN SETCHEL's best effort at making people laugh.

From the fact that the *Examiner* has always sneered at Northern correspondents in its own peculiar, cynical manner, this occurrence will not set well on its stomach, because it opens the door, you know. However, even if it had done nothing of the sort, the truth must be told, and I have told it.

This overshadowing and colossal occurrence has knocked everything else endways, and I have nothing else to report to-day.

E. P. B.

Washington College, Va.—A Memorial for Gen. Lee.

From the Richmond Whig, Jan. 5.

A memorial from the President of Washington College was laid before the Legislature yesterday, asking aid for the establishment of five new professorships at that institution. The purposes and character of these professorships are set forth, and the manner of making the necessary appropriation is suggested. The subject will undoubtedly meet with speedy action by both Houses. The memorial is as follows:

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Delegates of Virginia:

The Board of Trustees of Washington College, in order to provide for the wants of the country, and to promote the liberal and practical educatioon of the industrial classes, resolved, at a late meeting, to extend the course of scientific instruction.

With this view it was determined, without neglecting the study of literature and the classics, to establish five additional professorships, viz.:

I. *Practical Chemistry*—Embracing the study of metallurgy, and the application of the principles of Chemistry to agriculture, mining, manufacturing and the mechanic arts, together with vegetable and animal physiology.

II. *Experimental Philosophy and Practical Mechanics*—In which shall be taught (1) Experimental Mechanics, Optics, Hydrostatics, Acoustics, Thermodynomics, on the inductive principle, and Practical Astronomy; and (2) Drawing, Architecture, Mechanism, and the nature and properties of building materials, and their application in the construction of Railroads, Canals, Bridges, &c.

III. *Applied Mathematics*—In which shall be taught Analytical Mechanics and Optics, Mathematical Astronomy, the Science of Civil Engineering, and the application of the principle of mathematics to masonry, the construction of quoined and clustered Arches, Domes, &c.

IV. *Modern Languages*—In which shall be taught the French, German, Italian, and Spanish Languages, and their literature.

V. *History and Literature*—In which shall be taught Modern History, English Literature, and Criticism, Rhetoric, Elocution, Philosophical Grammar and Comparative Philology.

To procure the requisite means for this enlarged and thorough course of instruction, measures were adopted by the Board to invite individual donations, and it was further resolved that the President of the College should petition your honorable bodies to grant, in aid of this proposed course, an annual appropriation of six thousand dollars out of the income of the land fund given by the General Government to the State of Virginia, for the purpose of establishing colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts. (*Act approved 2d July*, 1862.)

The object of the Board of Trustees being so obviously conducive to the interest of the State, its fair recital is deemed sufficient to secure the favorable action of the Legislature, and as the passage of the grant by Congress is to provide the means of practical instruction for the industrial classes, it is believed that this can be better accomplished by distributing the fund among several institutions, accessible to the citizens of the different parts of the State, than by confining the whole to one, which would deprive many of its benefits.

Washington College, situated in the great agricultural valley of Virginia, and surrounded by a region rich in minerals and abounding in water power, stands prominently among those, where a course of instruction so essential to the proper development of the resources of the State, could be most advantageously taught.

A copy of the resolution of the Trustees of the College is respectfully submitted.

R. E. LEE, President Washington College.

LEXINGTON, Va., Dec. 4, 1865.

GEORGIA.

The Servants Looking for New Homes—Miscellaneous Matters.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ATHENS, Ga., Thursday, Dec. 28, 1865.

During this week politics and politicians have been overshadowed by the great domestic question. "Will Congress admit our representatives?" is not near as anxiously discussed as "Have you been able to make contracts for the ensuing year?" "Has your cook left you?" is much more frequently asked than "Has Mr. CHRISTY gone to Washington?" And although there is no doubt that this gentleman, when his election return and qualification have been duly admitted, will scatter to the winds all the dogmas and prejudices of Mr. THAD. STEVENS, yet even that desirable consummation is contemplated with less anxiety at present than the possibility to fill the places of Pompey, Hannibal, Cæsar, and Antony in the stable, the dining-room, the cow-yard and at the plow, and those of Dinah, Sarah and Betsy in the kitchen, the bed-chamber and the laundry. Imagine house-moving on the first of May in New-York and Brooklyn, multiplied by a million, and the product raised to the twelfth power of confusion and discomfort, and you can yet form but an imperfect idea of the domestic upheaving which has taken place in this and other towns in this State since Christmas week began. With few notable exceptions, the negro servants who have hither

SCIENTIFIC.

NAVAL ENGINEERING—NO. V.

The Report of the Congressional Committee of the Last Congress on the Steam-Engineering of the Navy.

Our attention is now directed to the tables contained in this report, purporting to be a statement of the performance of our principal wooden screw-propelled vessels, particularly those equipped with Mr. ISHERWOOD's engines. It will presently be shown that these tables were arranged to "whitewash" the shortcomings of the latter and most numerous class. In every attempt which has been made by Congress to get at the truth in relation to the performance of these vessels, on account of the loud complaints made of the defects of those fitted with machinery from Mr. ISHERWOOD's plans, the reports and statements have been so managed that the facts have been wholly disguised.

The tables to which we now allude will be found on page 36 of the report. They were evidently received by the committee without a doubt as to their truthfulness, in the same manner as the table of "The principal screw-steamers of the British Navy," mentioned in *Naval Engineering*, No. IV.

In order that the incorrectness of these tables may be clearly understood, extracts from them are given below, together with the particulars of several British naval vessels, for the purpose of comparison:

NAVAL SCREW-PROPELLED VESSELS WITH ISHERWOOD'S MACHINERY FROM MR. ISHERWOOD'S TABLES IN CONGRESSIONAL REPORT.

	Pitch of screw.	Revolution of screw.	Speed of vessel.
Lackawanna, Ticonderoga, Sacramento, Shenandoah, Monongahela, Adirondack, Juniata, Oneipee, Housatonic, Canandaigua	16½ to 18½ ft. mean, 17½ ft.	70	12 knots.
Nipsic, Shawmut, and Nyack	14 to 16 ft.	82	12.5 knots.
Penobscot class, (19 of these)	11½ to 15½ ft. mean, 13½ ft.	87	10 knots.

Thus, according to Mr. ISHERWOOD, the screw propeller of the *Lackawanna*, *Ticonderoga*, etc., at the above number of revolutions, advances 70, the number of turns, multiplied by 17½ feet mean pitch, multiplied by 60 minutes in an hour, divided by 6,086 feet in a knot, equals 12.07 knots per hour; thus, according to this untrue statement, the vessel is going within .07 of a knot as fast as the propeller itself, and not only that, but the forward part of the propeller, which is but 16½ feet pitch, is actually being dragged through the water.

On page 6 of Congressional Report, the maximum speed of these vessels is stated to be 12½ knots per hour!

The *Nyack's*, *Shawmut's*, etc., propellers, according to the revolutions given by ISHERWOOD, advance 12.01 knots per hour; the speed of the vessel he states to be 12½ knots; thus she is going .38 knots faster than her propeller—the forward part of propeller of course dragging still faster.

The *Penobscot's*, etc., propeller, according to revolutions given by ISHERWOOD, advances 10.7 knots per hour, .7 of a knot faster than the vessel, the forward part of propeller being dragged through the water.

It is known from fair trials that the *Nyack*, in smooth water, makes, with 85 pounds of steam, 78 revolutions, and goes 10 knots, which gives a slip of 13 per cent.—about what would be expected under the circumstances; yet Mr. ISHERWOOD asserts that with 82 revolutions, this vessel and class go 12.5 knots.

This performance is like that of the philosopher who attempted to lift himself up by standing in a tub and pulling on the handles.

It is also known that the *Penobscot*, a sample of her class, even if she could make 90 revolutions, would not go 10, nor even 9½ knots per hour, under steam alone, and Mr. ISHERWOOD says her maximum revolutions are but 87. The *Lackawanna* class will be spoken of presently.

NAVAL SCREW-PROPELLED VESSELS WITH MACHINERY BY VARIOUS ENGINE BUILDERS; ALSO FROM MR. ISHERWOOD'S TABLE IN CONGRESSIONAL REPORT.

Vessel.	Pitch of Propeller.	Revolutions.	Speed of Ship.
Iroquois	19 ft.	77	11.7 knots.
Dacotah. 17 to 19 ft., mean	18	80.2	12 knots.
Kearsarge	19 ft.	73½	11.2 knots.

The screw propeller of the *Iroquois*, at the above number of revolutions per minute, advances 14.4 knots per hour, which is 2.7 knots per hour faster than the vessel progresses; thus the slip is 18 per cent.

The screw propeller of the *Dacotah* advances, at the above number of revolutions per minute, 14.25 knots per hour, which is 2.25 knots per hour faster than the vessel progresses; thus, in this case, the slip is 16 per cent.

The screw propeller of the *Kearsarge* advances, at the above number of revolutions per minute, 13.76 knots per hour, which is 2.56 knots per hour faster than she progresses; the slip is thus 18 per cent. nearly.

SEVERAL VESSELS OF SIMILAR CLASS IN THE BRITISH NAVY.

Doris—Screw propeller, 30 feet pitch, 51.49 revolutions per minute; speed of ship, 12.4 knots.
Flying Fish—Pitch of propeller, 20½ feet, 81.8 revolutions per minute; speed of ship, 11.17 knots.
Curaçoa—Pitch of propeller, 20 feet 1 inch, 64 revolutions per minute; speed of ship, 10.7 knots.
Dauntless—Pitch of propeller, 16 feet 4 inches, 70½ revolutions per minute; speed of ship, 10.01 knots.

Thus the *Doris* (propeller) goes 3.16 knots faster than ship.
Flying Fish (propeller) goes 5.33 knots faster than ship.
Curaçoa (propeller) goes 1.97 knots faster than ship.
Dauntless (propeller) goes 1.35 knots faster than ship.

RECAPITULATION OF THE SLIP OF ALL THE VESSELS.

Lackawanna, Ticonnerega, &c., (ISHERWOOD,) no slip, forward portion of screw dragging.
Nyac, Shawmut, &c., (ISHERWOOD,) vessel goes 3 per cent. faster than screw, forward part dragging, of course dragging still more.
Penobscot, &c., (ISHERWOOD,) 7.5 per cent. slip, forward part dragging.
Iroquois (the usual proportion,) 18 per cent. slip.
Dacotah (usual proportion,) 16 per cent. slip.
Kearsarge (usual proportion,) 18 per-cent. slip.
Doris (English), 20 per cent. slip.
Flying Fish (English,) 32 per cent. slip.
Curacoa (English,) 14 8.10 per cent. slip.
Dauntless (English,) 11 8.10 per cent. slip.

Slip, it should be remembered, is the difference between the progress of a vessel and its propeller, whether the propelling instrument be a paddle-wheel or a screw.

For the benefit of unprofessional readers we will state that the *pitch* of a screw propeller corresponds to the *circumference* of a paddle-wheel. Thus, if a paddle-wheel had a circumference of 20 feet, if there was no slip, the vessel would advance 20 feet at each revolution of the wheel; in like manner if a screw propeller had a pitch of 20 feet, and there was no slip, the vessel would also advance 20 feet for each revolution.

Thus the results which Mr. ISHERWOOD has officially stated to have been obtained in the screw-propelled vessels fitted with machinery of his proportions, are clearly shown to be impossible. Such results cannot be accounted for by the anomaly which in some rare instances has been observed in screw vessels, namely, "negative slip;" (that is, where the vessel apparently goes faster than the screw is progressing,) for the stern lines of the *Lackawanna*, etc., (ISHERWOOD,) and those of the *Iroquois*, *Dacotah* and *Kearsarge* are practically the same. Again, it should be remarked that these revolutions of propeller and speeds of the several vessels, as given by Mr. ISHERWOOD are, of course, those supposed to be obtained in perfectly smooth water, the vessels uninfluenced by either wind or tide. This being the case, any difference in the surface of the propellers, by different diameters, &c., cannot come to the aid of these disingenuous tables (if the "negative slip" theory is advanced in their defence) as the proportion of the propeller's disk—*i. e.*, the circle equal to its diameter—to the midship section in both the *Lackawanna*, *Ticonderoga*, *Juniata*, &c., (ISHERWOOD's,) is nearly the same as that of the *Iroquois*, *Dacotah* and *Kearsarge* machinery of the usual proportions. This proportion in the *Lackawanna* is as 1 to 2.6; in *Juniata*, as 1 to 2.8; in *Iroquois*, as 1 to 2.4; in *Kearsarge*, as 1 to 2.8; in *Dacotah*, as to 2.97.

Unfortunately for himself, in another sense than the wickedness of the deceit itself, Mr. ISHERWOOD in his statement of the revolutions, speed and power developed by the vessels with his engines, has supplied data from his own figures, which prove at once the great inefficiency of the machines he has proportioned. Marine engineers throughout the world have an expression for comparing the performance of engines, hull and propeller collectively, called the "coefficient of performance." This coefficient, as may be seen in any engineering primer, is found by multiplying the area of the midship section in square feet by the cube of the velocity in knots, and divided by the indicated horse-power.

Of course the *higher* this coefficient the better the performance.

Performing this simple operation on the several United States vessels already mentioned, using ISHERWOOD's statement, the following result is obtained:

Lackawanna and *Ticonderoga*, (ISHERWOOD's,) 613; *Sacramento*, (ISHERWOOD,) 609; *Monongahela*, (ISHERWOOD,) 614; *Adirondack*, *Juniata*, *Oneipee* and *Housatonic*, (ISHERWOOD,) 604; *Canandagua*, (ISHERWOOD,) 628; *Shenandoah*, (ISHERWOOD,) 628; *Iroquois*, 747; *Kearsarge*, 771; *Dacotah*, 733; *Oneida*, 747. [The last four are of the usual proportions.]

Now, as the hulls of these vessels are of practically the same model, they offer relatively, with the power which Mr. ISHERWOOD states they exert, the same resistance in passing through the water. This being so, the comparison, as shown by their coefficients, appears to be solely between the engines, "*per se*," (as Mr. ISHERWOOD would say,) so it is clear that the only way to account for the inferior performance of those vessels with his machinery, is in the mal-proportion of the engines "*per se*."

Although this gentleman states that the power developed by his engines in the above vessels was 1,904 horse-power, it is plain that but a small portion of this power, (assuming that it was exerted,) could have been expended in pushing the ship through the water; the rest was wasted in the friction and heated bearings, which are inseparable—at the number of revolutions he says they make—in engines of such outrageous deviation from the most successful practice. Now the *Iroquois*, well known as one of the fastest and most successful vessels in this or any other navy, according to ISHERWOOD, exerts 813 horse-power, with boilers of the same style, and almost exactly the same amount of grate and heating surface as the *Lackawanna*, &c., fitted with the machinery of his proportions, (that is, with cylinders proportioned to be filled seven-tenths full of steam, instead of using it with the usual measure of expansion,) which he asserts exerts 1,304 horse-power. It is plain that the boilers of the *Iroquois* will boil off nearly as much water, consuming the same amount of coal as her sisters, with ISHERWOOD's proportions; yet he makes a difference of 491 horse-power—nearly 40 per cent.—in these vessels, a result which, "*ceteris paribus*," is impossible; such a difference in the steam power of these vessels cannot exist, in favor of *Lackawanna*, &c. He has thus asserted that his *Lackawanna* engine gets from 30 to 40 per cent. more work out of the steam than the *Wyoming* engine, which uses the steam with the usual measure of expansion!

If, according to his own tables, his sloops cannot create the power he states, what becomes of his twelve knots? For, by a triumph of arithmetic, his 1,304 horse-power is just about what his engines would give if they carried the dangerous pressure of forty pounds in the boilers, and made seventy revolutions (the number which he admits to be the maximum) but with this power and this number of turns, according to his own admissions, the mean pitch of the screw only advances twelve knots, and the forward part is being dragged through the water.

Reference to Mr. ISHERWOOD's specifications for the *Lackawanna* class engines show that he expected to obtain ninety revolutions per minute, instead of seventy, which latter has, indeed, been but very seldom attained, and then, with the greatest exertion, for only a few moments at a time.

Here, then, is seen the extraordinary spectacle of the Engineer-in-Chief of the Navy of this great nation attempting to achieve superior results by kicking the expansive principle to the winds, by permitting the steam to follow the piston nearly full stroke, and putting in cylinders over 25 per cent. smaller than in the best practice throughout the world.

With regard to a negative slip, Mr. ISHERWOOD himself has observed in one of his contributions to science in the *Franklin Journal*:

"It must be distinctly remembered that a negative slip (the vessel progressing faster than the propeller) can only happen when the vessel has a high speed, and owes a considerable portion of it to a power additional to that applied to the screw—that of the sails for instance; though it has been frequently reported to exist when the vessel was being propelled by the screw alone. In these cases it was manifestly the result either of inaccurate observations of distance gone and revolutions made, or of a mistake in the pitch of the screw, reckoning it less than it really was."

The only conclusion which can account for these erroneous tables is that in order to exaggerate the performance of his own vessels, he has overstated both their power and speed, and underrated that of the others, the engines of which are built on the usual plans. For this transparent trick alone, it would seem that he should be subjected to the severest public censure.

As has been previously stated in No. 2 of this series, it was with great difficulty the engines of the *Lackawanna*, &c., could be made to go at all, on account of the defects in the main valves, and these engines are so overloaded with unnecessary material, that the friction and chronic state of heat of the principal bearings, together with the insufficient size of the cylinders, entirely preclude the possibility of working off the steam; which the boilers, if in proper order, should supply them.

Now, the *Wyoming*, a vessel of the *Iroquois* class, is fitted with one of the best pairs of engines in the navy, of the usual proportions adopted by the most successful makers in America, France, England, Sweden and Russia, and, of course, uses the steam with the usual measure of expansion.

We have already in No. II. of this series compared in detail these highly successful engines with those proportioned by Mr. ISHERWOOD for the *Lackawanna*, &c. There is no doubt, as has been before mentioned, that he intended his sloop engines to make a greater number of revolutions than those of the sloops *Iroquois* and *Wyoming*, for he employed a propeller of finer pitch; but in consequence of his mal-proportions (he admits seventy revolutions to be the maximum) although he says they develop 1,304 horse-power—587 more than the *Wyoming*—he is not able to make as many revolutions as that vessel does with a screw of much greater pitch!

These facts alone are conclusive as to the practice of professional legerdemain by the Chief of the Naval Steam Bureau. It is quite possible that Mr. ISHERWOOD may attempt to meet these statements by insisting that his tables are right, and producing, as he did once before, letters from dependent contractors and engineers, stating that his vessels, under steam alone, advanced through the water faster than their propellers were progressing.

But if the Naval Committee require further demonstration, this question is one of easy determination. Let one of these screw sloops, or any other vessel with Mr. ISHERWOOD's screw engines, with the Naval Committee on board, be run from New-York to West Point and back, or from Sandy Hook to Barnegat and back, or over any other known distance.

ENGINEER.

Chinese Worship of Confucius.

A correspondent of the *American Presbyterian*, writing from China, gives some account of the worship paid to CONFUCIUS. He says:

"It has been estimated that there are 1,560 Confucian temples in the Empire, and that the yearly offerings amount to some 62,000 animals of various sorts, (including, beside those above-mentioned, rabbits and deers,) and 27,000 pieces of silk. It is a noted fact that, in Fuh Chau, rolls of paper are used to represent the silk. But the sage is not to be put off with that amount of worship. Throughout the Empire he is worshipped in colleges and schoolrooms, as well as in provincial and district temples. Here is a single strip of paper with four words, meaning 'teacher and exemplar of ten thousand ages.' This is pasted on the wall. On the opening of school, after the New-Year festivities, a formal worship is held before these words, and daily, every lad, on entering or leaving school, gives them an informal salaam."

DECIMAL CURRENCY.

How to Get Rid of Shillings, Bits, Etc., and Introduce our Dime Coinage.

BOLINAS, Cal., Friday, Dec. 1, 1865.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I wish to suggest an important improvement, the adoption of which cannot fail to be attended with beneficial results to our whole people. It is the issue of what may be styled a "dime currency," in place of the so-called fractional currency now in use.

Dollars and cents are the only terms necessary in large business transactions and in keeping accounts, but in the thousand little purchases which are constantly occurring in the market, in shops and on the street, it seems to be convenient to have a unit of value intermediate between the dollar and the cent. Accordingly, at the time of the adoption of the decimal system of currency by our government, the term "dime" was introduced; and yet it is well known that this term has not come into general use. Instead of it, we have a multiplicity of terms, such as "shilling," "bit," "levy," &c., the first of which has different values in different States, and none of which can be exactly expressed by any coin or combination of coins issued from the mint. The usual mode of accounting for the existence of these irregular expressions, is to consider them relics handed down to us from olden time. This is doubtless to some extent true, but a little examination will show that they have been perpetuated by a mistaken system of coinage, and may be easily eradicated by a reform.

There is a widely extended and pernicious habit of reckoning money by eights of a dollar, known in New-York and States westward as "shillings," and on the Pacific Coast as "bits." This habit is directly encouraged by our system of coinage. We divide the dollar into halves, and these halves we sub-divide into quarters. The next step, naturally, is to divide these again into eights. The fractions ½, ¼, ⅛, constitute a regular mathematical series, decreasing in geometrical proportion. If, then, after coining half-dollars, we proceed to coin quarters, we are really inviting people to take the next step, and imagine the dollar to be divided into eights. It is safe to say that so long as we coin quarters, people will reckon by eighths.

To remedy this we need a dime currency, consisting of coins or notes of the values of one, two, three and five dimes, respectively. We already have coins of the values of one, two, three and five *cents*. We have bank-notes of the values of one, two, three and five *dollars*. Why not complete the analogy, and issue coins or notes of the values of one, two, three and five *dimes*? Under a proper system the cent should be the unit for all coins between itself and the dime: the dime should be the unit for all coins between itself and the dollar, while the dollar would be the unit for all coins or notes above itself in value. That is to say, all coins between the cent and the dime should be named from the cent; all coins between the dime and dollar should be named from the dime, while all coins above the dollar should be named from the dollar. But under the present system the dollar is the unit for coins *below* as well as above itself—for instance, *half-dollar*, *quarter-dollar*. The dime is now the unit for but a single coin, and that below itself—*half-dime*. The term "dime" will certainly never come into popular use until it appears on the face (or reverse) of more coins than it now does.

The dime notes to be issued in place of the fractional currency should be of uniform size and color. Their values should be printed on their backs in large characters, thus: ONE DIME, TWO DIMES, &c., &c. On the face of the one-dime note the figure 1 should be printed conspicuously in several places, precisely as in the one-dollar note. On the face of the two-dime note the figure 2 should be similarly displayed, &c., &c. This style of note would be the most effectual means of bringing the term "dime" into common use, and therefore the proposed reform should be inaugurated during the era of paper currency.

The dime coins should have their values clearly expressed on their reverse, in the centre of the space, as is now the case with the single dime. As the two-dime and three-dime coins would be of but little difference in size, to prevent confusion, it might be advisable to have them present different devices on their faces. One of them might have the American flag stamped on its face instead of the symbol now put on silver coins. Better still, perhaps, instead of the single female figure now found on coins, the two-dime coin might have a device with two figures, thus establishing a connection between the device and the value of the coin. If still deemed objectionable, however, to issue two coins so near in value, the three-dime coin would be the preferable one to be issued, that being the arithmetical mean between the one-dime and the five-dime coin.

The adoption of this reform will prove of material benefit. The New-York "shilling" cannot be expressed in decimal currency, it being either twelve or thirteen cents, according to convenience. Neither can it be paid without making use of cent coins. The same necessity for using cent coins occurs in paying any odd number of "shillings," as "three shillings" or "five shillings." And yet these terms will constantly occur, so long as the "shilling" is used. The introduction of the dime currency, therefore, and the consequent common use of the term "dime will make less occasion for the use of the cent coin, and will thus facilitate the making of change.

On the Pacific coast the inconvenience of the present custom of reckoning money by eighths of a dollar is still more glaring, owing to the fact that there is no coin in general use smaller than the dime. In paying a "bit," if a dime is offered it is accepted; if a quarter is offered only a dime is returned in change; so that a "bit" is either ten or fifteen cents, as it may chance. This evil is so great that, for the sake of this section alone, a reform is demanded.

I have not alluded to the New-England practice of reckoning money by sixths of a dollar, inasmuch as this practice is fading away, not being sustained by our coinage system, as is the practice of reckoning by eighths of a dollar. The adoption of the proposed reform, however, will sweep away all remnants of the New-England custom.

The propriety of some such action as I have suggested will be acknowledged by all who will take the trouble to reflect upon the matter. The more the subject is examined, the stronger will appear the reasons in favor of the reform. It will perfect and render more symmetrical the decimal system of currency; it will simplify the making of change in small purchases; and by obliterating all uncouth local terms and substituting a national custom instead, will tend to strengthen the bonds of union.

I trust, then, Mr. Editor, that you will not fail to urge this matter. It is an affair which concerns all classes of society. Merchants, laboring men and scholars are equally interested, and our chambers of commerce, mechanics' associations and literary societies might not find it beneath their dignity or out of their sphere to press so desirable a measure upon the attention of the Government.

K.

Taxes on Cotton and Tobacco.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I wish to make a few remarks on an article on this subject in the TIMES of last week. As it is convenient, in order to judge of one's views on this subject, that his general views should be known, I premise that I am in favor of free trade, and would abolish the tariff immediately; and, in general, I think indirect taxes impolitic. But forasmuch as we have a monopoly of the cotton-fields of the world, at least to the extent necessary to control the price, we may take advantage of it, and set our price on cotton, just as a patentee or copyright owner sets his own price on his particular monopoly. Hitherto we have given to the world a vast income that we might have derived from our possession, had we been as sagacious as other nations. Now it is expedient that we wake up and charge for our commodity whatever it will fetch in the market. I therefore decidedly approve the proposal to tax cotton. But I do not approve a mere export duty, nor do I think five cents a pound sufficient; ten or more can be got, and we should get all we can. An export duty, as distinguished from a tax on all cotton, whether exported or consumed at home, is questionable on constitutional and on party grounds; but it appears to me that a simple tax on all cotton, advocated on the ground of national necessity, will be supported by a majority of free-traders, revenue-tariff men, Democrats of all sorts, Republicans of several sorts, and all but ultra-protectionists, and even by them, unless by opposing it they hope to get an advantage for their goods in foreign markets.

In regard to the interests and views of the Cotton States, I think it proper to explain my views, (which some may deem prejudices,) in order that what I say may go for what it is worth, and perhaps be estimated as an indication of the support or opposition of some portion of the people. I never approved of discussing slavery in Congress or meddling with the affairs of States in which one has no citizenship. I have no sympathy with the Republican party. Neither have I the least sympathy with Secessionists or disunionists, theoretical or practical. I blame the Northern men who provoked the civil war; and I blame still more the Southern men who commenced it, and neither grieve for their losses, nor incline to favor them, on account of their past conduct or present condition. Therefore I do not admit that taxes on Southern commodities should depend on their interests or opinions; but hold that the nation should singly consider the whole national interest and adjust the taxes on that ground.

But it is my opinion (and certainly it is a satisfaction to believe) that a tax on cotton, as high as is for the national interest, will be also for the interest of the Cotton States and planters, provided the revenue from it be applied to the liquidation of the national debt, and not to the relief of other sections from taxes for interest and current expenses. A general tax on cotton will fall on consumers of cotton at home and abroad, and will not much affect the incomes of planters. They have hitherto competed with each other at low prices—they would then compete at high prices, and would make as much as they could make with equal means in other business; and they would share the general advantage of making foreign consumers pay us the fair price of our property, and that would more than compensate for any disadvantage resulting to them from the tax.

As to tobacco, I doubt if we have a monopoly of the lands that can produce it cheaply. I have been credibly informed that it can be produced as cheaply in Hungary as here. If that be true, we cannot put much tax upon it; but I see no other reason why we should not tax it at least half as much as foreign governments do.

Probably there are other articles of which we have vast supplies, that will enable us to tax them, so raise their prices, and thereby make all consumers of them pay as royalties, rent, or whatever we may call the payment due to exclusive advantages of soil and climate.

This policy is expected of us. The English journals have for four years said that whichever side prevailed in the war, the victors would put a high tax on cotton. They see the wisdom of it better than we do. They would themselves tax it, were this country under their dominion. And I have been told by men who professed to have been in their secret societies, in which the war was concocted, that the Southern leaders schemed to conquer all the countries that have such natural supplies as that of cotton, and set their own prices upon them, and thus lay the whole world under contribution to their Southern Confederacy. Their scheme was in this respect just such as every European government of intelligence would approve and practice, had it power over its territories. And that we have hitherto neglected the advantage of these natural commodities only proves that we are not astute in all things.

A tax on cotton, with a commission to vary it, and the appropriation of the revenue from it to the liquidation of the national debt, and a similar policy with other commodities of which we can control the price—these are the true measures which we should at once adopt. The unchanged rebels and the English and others may grumble and blustar about it, but we have only to take their speeches and editorials quietly, and keep our affairs in such order that they will not gain much by assailing us with anything harder than words, and there will be no trouble about it.

J. K. FISHER.

PERSONAL.

The Wilmington (N. C.) *Journal* of the 16th announces the death of JAMES FULTON, Esq., its senior editor. It says:

Mr. FULTON was known by nearly every person in this city and throughout the State, and none knew him but to respect, esteem and love him. He had many warm personal friends, won to him by his unusually amiable and generous disposition, and these mourn him as they mourn a brother, cut down and removed from their midst in the freshness of his life and the meridian of his usefulness. Mr. FULTON was a native of Ireland, and came with his father to this country when a boy in the twelfth year of his age. He came to Wilmington and assumed editorial charge of the Wilmington *Journal* in the year 1849. When, in 1862, that dreadful scourge, the yellow fever, made its hideous appearance in our midst, Mr. FULTON never for a moment wavered in his purpose, abandoned his position, or ceased to do the work that he had marked out for himself to perform; continuing regularly to publish the *Journal* all through that fearful epidemic, until rendered powerless to do so by the loss of his workmen, whose number had been decimated by the prevailing fever, and even then a diminutive daily *Extra* was regularly published, until the disappearance of the scourge and the resumption of the regular issue.

M. L. SULLIVANT, of Champaign County, Ill., owns and presides over seventy thousand acres of the best land on the hemisphere, twenty-three thousand acres of which are under fence, and in actual improvement and cultivation, the balance is used for herding. There cannot be found five acres of unserviceable land on Mr. SULLIVANT'S entire 70,000 acres. Their productiveness is unsurpassed. Almost all of Mr. SULLIVANT'S farming is conducted by labor-saving machinery, so that it is estimated that, throughout, one man will perform the average labor of four or five, as conducted on small farms. He drives his posts by horse-power, breaks his ground by COMSTOCK'S "spaders," mows, rakes, loads, unloads and stacks his hay by machinery, cultivates his corn by improved machinery, ditches any low ground by machinery, sows and plants by machinery, so that all his laborers can ride and perform their tasks as easily as riding in a buggy.

Dr. JOHN EVANS, one of the newly-elected Senators from Colorado, was formerly a practicing physician of Chicago, where he had a large practice and an enviable reputation. He was appointed Territorial Governor by President LINCOLN, but resigned in June last, and since has been engaged in mining and prospecting for the position secured to him. Dr. EVANS is a "radical of the radicals," and will out-Stevens STEVENS in his opposition to everything that looks as it designed to favor the late rebels of the South. Mr. CHAFFEE, the other Senator, was formerly a banker in Adrian, Mich., was an early settler in Kansas, and has resided in Colorado five years. He has been a Speaker of the House, and is now President of the First National Bank of Denver. His anti-slavery record dates from the Buffalo Convention, to which he was elected a delegate of 1848. He is still a young man, and has sterling abilities and energy of character.

Hon. CORNELIUS COLE has been elected a Senator in Congress, by the Legislature of California, for six years from the 4th of March, 1867, when the term of Hon. JAMES A. MCDOUGALL will expire. He was born at Lodi, New-York, Sept. 17, 1822; was bred a farmer, and graduated at the Wesleyan University of Connecticut, after which he adopted the profession of the law. He was one of the earliest emigrants to California, having settled there in 1849. He was alternately a miner and lawyer, and soon became a leading man in politics. He was District-Attorney of Sacramento County for two years, and when the war broke out, like thousands of others, he took very prominent ground against the Secessionists, who then swarmed in California, and sought to swerve it into treason. In 1863, Mr. COLE was elected to Congress, and during his service was known for his integrity, earnest patriotism and close attention to business.

We learn that Mr. JOHN S. RAREY was recently attacked with paralysis. Mr. RAREY was skating in the afternoon, and on returning to the house met some friends with his accustomed genial cordiality. After chatting a short time, he excused himself, on the plea of needing air, feeling faint, &c., and walked out toward the stables. In a short time after he was attacked as stated, and carried into the house. At last accounts he was slightly improving in his condition, although still unable to communicate intelligibly. The world-wide reputation of Mr. RAREY has made him conspicuous, but his "troops of friends" esteem him most highly for his genial and social nature, and his generosity.

Major FRANKLIN D. CALLENDER, of the Ordnance Department, has been promoted to the rank of Brevet Brigadier-General in the United States Army. Gen. CALLENDER took charge of the St. Louis Arsenal in the eventful month of April, 1861, as ordnance officer, when Gen. LYON had just been assigned to command. The arsenal was saved by the prompt issue of arms and ammunition to loyal men, and not only St. Louis, but Missouri was also saved by the act. The St. Louis Arsenal was one of the very few United States arsenals on slave soil which did not fall into rebel hands. Gen. CALLENDER never once faltered in his position, but was always equal to the emergency, and equal to the confidence reposed in him by the lamented LYON and the loyal citizens of St. Louis by whom they were both upheld.

The Tennessee Legislature has voted Gen. THOMAS a gold medal in commemoration of his "splendid military services," and especially in the battle before Nashville. The *Dispatch* of the 13th inst. says: "This morning twelve months the booming guns of a friendly, and also of a hostile army, reverberated over and around our city—to-day, so still and placid, inaugurating one of the grandest, most auspicous events in the history of the war—the battle of Nashville. To the distinguished chieftain who now commands this department, Major-Gen. GEORGE H. THOMAS, may be ascribed the fullest meed of praise for the achievements then accomplished, and in great measure the era of peace and returning prosperity now beaming over all our broad land."

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The Springfield *State Journal* of Dec. 22 says:

"Mrs. LINCOLN, accompanied by her son ROBERT, arrived in this city on the 4 o'clock train yesterday morning, and took rooms at the Chenery House. During the forenoon she was driven to Oak Ridge Cemetery, and examined the new receiving vault built by the Monument Association for the remains of Mr. LINCOLN. She returned to Chicago on last evening's train. This is her first visit to this city since February, 1861, when she accompanied her martyred husband to Washington City."

Mr. JOSEPH WILLIAMS, a resident of Salineville, Columbiana County, Penn., a blacksmith by trade, recently made a large addition to his small capital by an investment in oil territory. He leased two acres on Island Run, in Pennsylvania, bored for oil, and was successful in striking a vein which now yields twenty barrels per day. The well was sold on last Saturday for $100,000. Prior to this speculation he had realised a profit of $40,000 on lands leased in the same vicinity.

Capt. PALFREY, of the Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., has resigned his position in the army to accept the superintendence of the works of the Merrimack Manufacturing Company. Capt. PALFREY was brevetted Major for distinguished services at Forts Gaines and Morgan, Ala., again Lieutenant-Colonel for distinguished services at Fort Hudson, and again Colonel for meritorious services during the campaign against Mobile and its defences.

JOHN SLIDELL is still living quietly in Paris. His family goes very little into society. Mr. MASON is in London. JACOB THOMPSON and J. P. BENJAMIN are also there, and JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE is shortly expected from Canada with his family. Major HUNT, formerly agent for the purchase of arms for the Confederacy, is in Paris, as is also Sudge RUST, of Louisiana. Mrs. GWIN and her daughter are now residing in London.

The Jackson (Miss.) *News* announces the death of Col. GREENWOOD LAFLORE, the last Chief of the Choctaw Indians, and by his influence mainly the best portion of the Mississippi was ceded by the treaty of the Dancing Rabbit Creek to the United States. LAFLORE was formerly the State Senator from that country. He was the son of a Frenchman by an Indian wife, but fully identified himself with the Indians.

A man calling himself Maj. DICKS, and among whose papers was found a commission from Gov. OGLESBY, appointing him Sergeant-Major of Illinois Volunteers, was arrested in Charleston, S. C., lately, for having extensively swindled the people by pretending to collect claims for the government for the cotton and other property destroyed in SHERMAN'S raid.

JOHN O'FALLON, one of the oldest, richest and most charitable citizens of St. Louis, died a few days ago. He amassed a fortune of over $5,000,000, and was a heavy contributor to science and education. He was aid to Gen. HARRISON in the war of 1812, and commanded Fort Malden at that time. He was 75 years old.

A newspaper man who has attained some notoriety as a war correspondent, was married in Philadelphia a few days ago. Among the presents received by the happy couple was a volume of original manuscript poems contributed by their literary friends, each poem being an epithalamium. Oh dear!

Hon. O. B. MATTESON, of Utica, on Dec. 23 presented a quarter of a barrel of flour to every widow in the city whose husband lost his life while fighting for the Union. An act so generous speaks for itself. The flour was kindly delivered in each instance, free of charge, by Postmaster HOPKINS.

Mlle. PAREPA sang the solos in the "Messiah" Christmas night, Hartford, the Beethoven Society of that city performing the oratorio. It is stated that $1,000 is the price paid for her services on the occasion, and that Providence offered her $1,200 for the same evening, but was too late.

The Rev. Dr. JOHN MCCLINTOCK, the distinguished scholar and Methodist divine, has purchased a farm in the neighborhood of New Brunswick, on which he intends to settle, having retired from the regular work of the ministry on account of ill health.

A colored man named WINSLOW, conductor on a sleeping car of the Burlington and Quincy Road, has been arrested at Chicago, charged with stealing a pocket-book containing over $1,000, from H. L. MARKS, of that city.

A young white man named KLINK amused himself at Louisville a week ago by tripping up a negro who was walking to church with his wife, and, when the black man remonstrated, drew his pistol and shot him dead.

Hon. AMOS KENDALL has erected a house of worship for a Baptist Church in Washington, D. C., at a cost of $60,000, and generously donated it to the church. Rev. Mr. HOWLETT, formerly of Trenton, N. J., is the Pastor.

Col. GEO. S. HASTINGS, Private Secretary to Gov. FENTON, has been called home on account of the serious illness of his father, Hon. Judge HASTINGS, of Mount Morris.

Letters from Gov. CURTIN, dated Havana, Dec. 22, contain the gratifying intelligence of a steady improvement in his health. He has been kindly and honorably received, and writes in excellent spirits.

Mrs. Senator DIXON has been the recipient of a silver pitcher, valued at $300, as a testimonial in appreciation of her unwearied attentions to the sick and wounded soldiers in the hospitals during the rebellion

It is said that BIERSTADT'S brush has earned him $120,000 in the last three years. He has the finest team in the Central Park, and is building a villa at Irvington, on the Hudson.

Mrs. PAGE, a widowod daughter of Major.-Gen. BEN. M. PRENTISS, of Quincy, Illinois, committed suicide on the 12th, while at the house of her father, by drowning herself in a cistern.

Rev. Mr. TEMPLE, pastor of the Episcopal Church of Esopus, has accepted a call to preside over a parish at Panama. He sails for that distant field of labor the first of next month.

Miss HARRIET E. PRESCOTT, the authoress, was recently married to RICHARD S. SOFFORD, Jr., Esq., of Newburyport.

Arrival of "Admiral" Semmes in Washington.

From the Washington Star, Dec. 29.

RAPHAEL SEMMES, late commander of the *Alabama*, arrived here in the 10:20 New-York train last night, in charge of Lieut. LYMAN P. FRENCH and Sergts. CASSIDY and JONES, United States Marines, and was at once taken to the Navy-yard, where he was placed temporarily in a room hastily fitted up in the dispensary building, over which a guard was placed. He will, however, be moved from his present quarters to-day to more commodious quarters adjoining the Chapel, now being fitted up for him. This chapel has heretofore been used for court-martial purposes and may serve for the trial of SEMMES.

He was arrested at his place, Spring Hill, about four miles from Mobile, Ala., on the evening of the 15th inst., about 8 o'clock, by Lieut FRENCH and the sergeants above named, on an order from the Navy Department, as he was sitting quietly in his parlor reading a paper. Lieut. FRENCH, on entering the house, at once informed him of the object of his visit, at which SEMMES expressed great astonishment, and claimed that he had been paroled, and that this arrest was in violation of the parole.

His daughters were very bitter in their expressions as to the Yankees, and excused themselves for defective domestic arrangements by saying that the Yankees had stolen their negroes. One of the daughters said that it was a dirty Yankee trick to arrest her father after he had been paroled. One of the marines stood guard at the residence of SEMMES during their stay, and one of the daughters tauntingly remarked that in old times they had niggers to stand at the door, but now they had Yankees.

Lieut. FRENCH made the circumstances attending the arrest as pleasant as possible, and informed his prisoner that he would allow him until 12 o'clock the following day to arrange matters with his family, which privilege he accepted, and at noon on the 16th he announced himself as ready, having taken leave of his wife and three daughters, and the party at once proceeded to Mobile, where they took the steamer *Louisa* for New-Orleans. At the latter place they were obliged to wait four days to take the steamer *Costa Rica* for New-York, where they arrived night before last, and yesterday morning took the cars for Washington, arriving here last evening, and turning over the prisoner to the officers at the navy-yard.

On the passage he was quite cheerful, and talked freely about his arrest and of his conduct during the war, and his prospects of an early trial, expressing himself willing to stand the trial, and arguing against the legality of his arrest.

SEMMES has the same look of audacity for which he was noted in his younger days here. He wears a moustache and imperial, which are perfectly white, while his hair is jet dark. He is now about 50 years of age, and is about 5 feet 8 inches high, of rather slender build, and is dressed in a pair of gray pants,

Leading Foreign articles reexported since July 1, are:

July	$13,813,076	Nov. 29	$5,840,220
August	14,861,077	Dec. 5	4,616,619
September	13,026,314	Dec. 13	4,810,180
October	21,272,243	Dec. 20	5,443,445
November	10,136,641	Dec. 27	3,076,079
Dec. 1	6,127,156	Jan. 3	6,054,961
Dec. 15	6,415,566	Jan. 3	4,064,961
Dec. 22	5,022,756		
Total to date since July 1			$106,206,108
Same date last Fiscal year			126,745,120
Decrease since July 1			$20,537,021

The average price of Gold since July 1, *this* Fiscal year, is 144¼ ₱ cent., the average for the corresponding period *last* Fiscal year was 221 ₱ cent.

The Exports of Gold and Silver from New-York since July 1:

July	$723,966	Nov. 25	$723,316
August	1,554,398	Dec. 2	95,974
September	2,494,873	Dec. 9	400,936
October	2,518,226	Dec. 16	1,420,924
Nov. 4	7,707	Dec. 23	483,359
Nov. 11	196,400	Dec. 30	263,904
Nov. 18	1,018,468	Jan. 6	554,057
Total to date, since July 1			$12,599,838
Same date last fiscal year			21,956,659
Decrease since July 1			$9,356,651

The deliveries of Gold from California at New-York, since Jan. 1, 1865, are:

July	$1,092,804	November	$1,862,879
August	1,681,208	Dec. 2	2,519,983
September	2,027,146	Jan. 2	676,267
October	3,479,087		
Total since July 1			$12,103,180
Same date last fiscal year			7,158,240
Increase since July 1			$4,944,940

The following are the Customs received in Gold, and Gold Interest on the Public Debt paid out at the New-YorkOffice of the United States Treasury, since July 1, 1865:

Customs Received.		Gold Interest Paid.	
July	$6,216,190	July	$5,714,367
August	13,190,400	August	454,575
September	15,037,062	September	4,117,419
October	11,064,409	October	5,885,853
November	10,136,641	November	4,243,796
December	8,378,335	December	2,723,684
January 6	2,107,341	January 6	3,597,240
Total	$67,824,338	Total	$26,796,674

A correspondent interested in real estate sales writes:

"Will you please draw the attention of capitalists to the fact that after the 1st of May there is no suitable place for the sales of real estate at auction, the present salesroom having been let for other purposes. The room should be accessible on the first floor, and strong enough to bear a large crowd of buyers."

The 1st of January Quarterly Report of the First National Bank of Richmond, Va., of which Mr. H. G. FANT, formerly of Washington, is the President, shows:

Paid up Capital	$156,000
Circulation	139,500
Deposits	949,210
Profit and Loss	38,266
Total	$1,282,976
Discounts	$344,724
Exchanges	303,325
United States Securities	328,894
Gold and Premium	99,887
Legal-Tenders, &c	241,146—$1,282,976

The authorized capital of the Bank is one million of dollars.

The firm of Messrs. LAWRENCE, BALDWIN & Co. has been dissolved, the copartnership having expired by limitation, and the new firm has taken its place. Messrs. DEWITT C. & CYRUS J. LAWRENCE, with WM. A. HALSTEAD, members of the old concern, have taken in J. R. CECIL, late of BUTLER, CECIL, RAWSON & Co., as a partner, and will hereafter do business at No. 16 Wall-street, under the style of LAWRENCE BROTHERS & Co. Mr. S. BALDWIN, Jr., has formed a copartnership with JAMES WEEKS, under the style of BALDWIN & WEEKS, at No. 29 Wall-street.

The Reno Oil and Land Company at Reno, Venango County, Penn., of which Hon. GALUSHA A. GROW is President, are about commencing actively the development of their property, and advertise for proposals for putting down fifty oil wells. The work will be commenced at the earliest practical day after the acceptance of these proposals. This company is composed of gentlemen of the highest character and financial ability, many of whom enjoy an honorable national reputation. Men of experience in the work of drilling oil-wells will find this an excellent opportunity for profitable employment.

From present indications the opening of Spring will witness a great activity at Reno that has never been displayed in the prosecution of any enterprise in the Oil regions. The completion of the railroad to Pithole, the building of the town, together with several important manufactories, and the development of the oil wells, will give employment to thousands of active, industrious and enterprising men.—*Reno Times.*

GENERAL MARKETS.

NEW-YORK, Saturday, Jan. 6, 1866.

The receipts of the principal kinds of Produce since our last have been 43 bbls. Ashes, 4,750 bbls. Flour, 469 bags Corn Meal, 2,250 bushels Wheat, 1,400 bushels Corn, 3,900 bushels Oats, 236 bbls. Pork, 182 pkgs. Cut Meats, 236 pkgs. Lard, 153 bbls. Beef, and 200 bbls. Whisky.

BOOTS AND SHOES—Stocks are limited, and prices are well sustained, but the current movements are restricted. We quote: Men's Thick and Kip Boots, $2 50@$5 50; Boys', $1 75@$3 25; Youths', $1 50@$2 50; Men's Calf Pegged, $4@$6 50; Men's Calf Sewed, $6 50@$7 50; Boys' Calf Pegged, $3@$4 25; Youths', $2 25@$3; Men's Kip Brogans, $3 75@$2 25; Men's Split, $1 60@$1 90; Boys' Kip and Split, $1 25@$1 50; Youths', 70c.@$1 12½; Men's Kip and Split Balmorals, $1 75@$2 50; Men's Buff and Calf, $2@$3 25; Men's Buff and Calf Congress, $2 25@$3 25; Men's Buff and Calf Balmorals, $1 75@$2 50; Youths', $1 37@$1 85; Women's Kip and Split Boots, $1 40@$1 80; Women's Calf, Goat and Kid, $1 85@$2 37; Women's Kip and Split Balmorals, $1 70@$1 90; Women's Calf, Goat and Kid, $1 75@$2 75; Women's Sewed, $2@$3; Misses, $1 50@$2 25; Misses' Pegged, $1 25@$1 60; Children's Sewed, $1 10@$1 75; Children's Pegged, 90c.@$1 25; Ladies' City Made Gaiters, $1 50@$2 25; Ladies' Eastern Made, $1@$1 50; Misses' City Made, $1 90@$2 50; Misses' Eastern Made, $1@$1 75; Children's Gaiters and Fancy, 80c.@$2 25 ₱ pair.

COFFEE—Is in less request at about our former prices: Java at 28c.@29c.; Maracaibo at 21½c. @24c.; Laguayra at 21c.@23½c.; Rio at 17¼c.@20c.; Native Ceylon at 24c.@25c., and St. Domingo at 17¾c.@18¼c., cash, in gold, ₱ lb.

COTTON—Continues in active demand at full prices. Middlings, 62c.@63½c. ₱ lb. Sales and resales since our last, 5,400 bales. The week's receipts have been 21,697 bales, making 457,945 since Sept. 1, 1865, against exports this week of 11,250 bales, and since Sept. 1, 1865, of 189,918 bales. Estimated stock in the market, 310,000 bales.

Current Prices in New-York for Liverpool Classification.

	Upland.	Florida.	Mobile.	N. O. & Tex.
Ordinary, ₱ lb	44	44	44	42
Middling, ₱ lb	52	52	53	54
Middling, fair, ₱ lb	58	58	59	60

DRY GOODS—The Dry Goods Exchange report to-day is as follows: Jobbers' prices—Brown Sheetings, Standard, 24c.; Medford, 32½c.; Superior, L X I, 30c.; Shetucket A, 24c.; Shetucket B, 22c. Bleached Shirtings, New York mills, 30c.; Wamsutta, 40c.; Lonsdale, 44c.; Masonville, 45c.; Canoe, 22c. Prints, Merrimac W, 28c.; Merrimac D, 27c.; Pacific, 26½c.; American, 26c.; German, 27c. Delaines, Pacific, 29c.; Manchester, 29c. Silesias, Indian Orchard, 35c.; Victory, 25c. Cambrics, Victory, 22½c.; Portland, 20c. Brown Drills, Standard, 24c.; Globe, 22c. Corset Jeans, Pepperell, 39c.; Indian Orchard, 32½c. Ticks, Hamilton, 55c.; Blackstone River, 40c. Stripes, Whittenton B B, 35c.; Pittsfield, 22½c. Denims, York, 54c.: Thorndike, 40c. Hoop Skirts, Bradley's Duplex Elliptic, 20 to 50 Hoops, 87½c.@$1 05; Empress Trail, $1 25; Meyer's I. X. L., 14-inch, 20 to 40 Hoops, 55c.@75c.; 3-inch 20 to 40 hoops, 70c.@$1 10. The following dispatches received at the Dry Goods Exchange: Philadelphia—Trade improving; Cotton goods firm; woolens steady. Chicago—Fair demand for goods; prices well maintained. Boston—Trade quiet; weather cold; some movement in flannels. St. Louis—Business dull; weather moderating. Baltimore—Market unchanged since yesterday. Providence—No change to notice since yesterday.

FLOUR AND MEAL—State and Western Flour has been very quiet at reduced prices, the market closing irregularly. Sales since our last 4,750 bbls., including very inferior to choice Superfine State and Western at $7 26@$7 65; common to medium State at $7 70@$8 65, chiefly at $8 15@$8 30; round-hoop and Extra Ohio, inferior to good shipping brands, at $8 60@$8 95 ₱ bbl. We now quote:

Superfine State and Western	$7 25 @$7 65
Extra State	8 00 @ 8 65
Extra Illinois	8 00 @11 00
Extra Ohio, round-hoop, ship'g brands	8 65 @ 9 20
Extra Ohio, trade and family brands	9 00 @11 65
Extra Genesee	8 70 @11 50
Poor to very choice extra Missouri	9 85 @15 50

Southern Flour is cheaper; sales since our last 600 bbls., in lots, at $8 85@$10 for poor to good, and $10 05@$15 50 for good to very choice extra brands, ₱ bbl. Canadian Flour is dull and declining; sales 280 bbls. Extra at $8 15@$11 25 ₱ bbl. Rye Flour is dull, including Superfine at $5 25@$6 25 ₱ bbl. Corn Meal continues dull and heavy at $4 90@$4 25 for Western, $4 25 for Jersey, and $4 60 Brandywine, ₱ bbl.

GRAIN—Wheat has been quite dull and heavy today. Sales since our last have been confined to 14,000 bushels Amber Spring at $1 88@$1 89 ₱ bush. Corn has been quite and depressed; sales since our last 45,000 bushels at 80c.@92c. for unsound, and 93c.@94c., chiefly for sound Mixed Western, in store and afloat, and 94c.@96c. for Yellow Southern, ₱ bushel. Oats have been inactive, including State at 60c.@61c.; Jersey and Pennsylvania, at 53c.@55c.; Old Western at 60c.@61c., and New Western at 47c.@54c., chiefly at 53c.@53c. ₱ bush. Rye has been neglected. 400 bush. Rye Malt were sold at $1 20 ₱ bush. Barley has been in more request; 31,000 bush. State have been sold at $1 ₱ bush.

HAY—North River bale is in good request at 75c.@80c. for poor to choice, ₱ 100 lbs.

HOPS—Have been in demand at 25c.@55c. for last year's crop, and 10c.@40c. for crop of 1864, ₱ lb.

HIDES—The week's receipts have been 9,313 Hides and 29 bales do.; sales 43,000 Hides, the latter including, according to Messrs. HULL & Co.: 2,000 Dry Buenos Ayres, 24 lbs., at 20½c., gold, usual selection; 1,000 Dry Buenos Ayres, from Liverpool, 27½ lbs., on private terms; 1,500 Dry Buenos Ayres Culls, 22 lbs., at 19c., gold, as they run; 2,300 Dry Rio Grande, 20½ lbs., at 16½c., gold, usual selection; 2,500 Dry Orinoco, 23 lbs., part at 17c., gold, usual selection; 12,800 Dry California, 20 lbs., at 20½c., currency, usual selection; 500 Dry Central American, 19 lbs., at 18c., gold, usual selection; 1,000 Dry West Indian, 19 lbs., on private terms; 400 Dry Texas, 24 lbs., at 17½c., currency, usual selection; 12,700 Dry Sierra Leone, 9¼ lbs., on private terms; 4,000 Wet Salted Rio Grande, from London, 47½ lbs., on private terms; 1,100 Wet Salted Texas, 48 lbs., on private terms; 9,700 City Slaughter, 50@76 lbs., at 9c.@13c., currency. The stock on hand of Ox and Cow Hides is 207,500 (same time last year 370,800—year before, 236,300), and 180 Bales. The stock consists of 68,000 Dry Buenos Ayres and Montevideo (Hides and Kips); 4,500 Dry Rio Grande (Hides and Kips); 26,900 Dry Orinoco; 10,500 Dry California; 4,000 Dry Vera Cruz; 4,000 Dry Porto Cabello and Laguayra; 16,700 Dry Central America, &c.; 2,100 Dry Bogota and Savanilla; 1,500 Dry Maracaibo; 4,700 Dry Bahia; 6,500 Dry New Orleans and Western; 30,000 Dry Texas and Southern; 19,500 Dry Gampia and Bissau, and 180 Bales Calcutta Cow and Buffalo.

Imports of Hides into New-York in each of the last Eighteen Years:

	Total.		Total.
Imports in 1848	972,654	Imports in 1857	1,796,193
Imports in 1849	1,229,727	Imports in 1858	1,301,837
Imports in 1850	1,263,300	Imports in 1859	2,346,363
Imports in 1851	1,366,036	Imports in 1860	1,828,639
Imports in 1852	1,427,250	Imports in 1861	1,164,614
Imports in 1853	1,598,360	Imports in 1862	1,779,778
Imports in 1854	1,670,895	Imports in 1863	1,785,689
Imports in 1855	1,550,000	Imports in 1864	1,787,920
Imports in 1856	1,716,90[illegible]	Imports in 1865	1,841,[illegible]

LEATHER—The movements in this line, since our last, Messrs. WEIBEL & WEIDEMEYER notice thus: "HEMLOCK SOLE—Since our last sales were made to a fair extent—being about equal to receipts—at steady prices. The stock of desirable leather in dealers' hands is only moderate. Prime leather is in good demand at full prices. Towards the close of the week the inquiry from manufacturers and jobbers is becoming somewhat more animated. OAK SOLE—We note a good steady business at firm rates. The receipts from tanneries have been light. Week's receipts of sole leather about 39,000 sides. We quote: SOLE—Oak Slaughter and salted, good, Light, 35c.@36c.; Oak Slaughter and salted, good Middle, 36c.@46c.; Oak Slaughter and salted, good Heavy, 43c.@46c.; Oak Slaughter, light Cropped, good, 43c.@48c.; Oak Slaughter, middle Cropped, good, 49c.@53c.; Oak Slaughter, bellies cropped, good, 19c.@21c.; Hemlock, Buenos Ayres, &c., good Light, 35½c.@36½c.; Hemlock, Buenos Ayres, &c., good Middle, 38c.@39c.; Hemlock, Buenos Ayres, &c., good Heavy, 39c.@40c.; Hemlock, California, good Light, 33½c.@35c.; Hemlock, California, good Middle, 37½c. @38½c; Hemlock, California, good Heavy, 38c.@39c.; Hemlock, Orinoco, &c., good Light, 32½c.@33½c.; Hemlock, Orinoco, &c., good Middle, 35½c.@37c.; Hemlock, Orinoco, &c., good Heavy, 38c.@38c.; Hemlock, Orinoco and B. A. Damaged all weights, 31c. @35c.; Hemlock, Orinoco and B. A. Poor, all weights, 22c.@24½c.; Hemlock Slaughter, in rough, 30c.@ 34c.; Oak Slaughter, in rough, Light, 33c.@36c.; Oak Slaughter, in rough, Middle and Heavy, 37c.@44c., cash ₱ lb.

MOLASSES—Is quiet, at unchanged prices.

NAVAL STORES—Continue quiet and depressed, including Spirits Turpentine at 97½c.@$1 02½ ₱ gallon; Crude do., at $8@8 75; Resin at $6 37½@$21 ₱ 280 lbs.; Tar $3@$4 50 ₱ bbl.

OILS—Continue quiet and heavy, including Crude Whale at $1 35@$1 60; Bleached Whale, at $1 65@$1 70; Crude Sperm at $2 45@$2 48; Unbleached do. at $2 60; Lard Oil at $1 85@$2; Red Oil at $1@$1 10; Linseed Oil at $1 43 @$1 44, ₱ gallon.

PETROLEUM—Has been in limited demand at 37½c @38c. for Crude; 59c.@61c. for Refined, in bond; and 78c.@81c. for do. free ₱ gallon.

PROVISIONS—Pork has been quite freely offered at lower and irregular prices, closing in favor of buyers. There demand has been fair at the reduced figures. Sales since our last 5,300 bbls., at $28@$28 50 for new Mess, closing at $28 regular; $27 25@$27 75, closing at $27 25, regular, for one year old Mess; $21 50 @$22 50 for new Prime Mess; and $22@$22 50 for new Prime ₱ bbl. Also 7,250 bbls. New Mess, for February, March, April and May, sellers' options, at $27 75@28 25 ₱ bbl. Cut Meats are continued in limited demand at 11c.@13c. for Shoulders, and 13½c.@15½c. for Hams; sales 180 pkgs. Bacon has been quiet and depressed. Dressed Hogs are decidedly heavy and lower, being now quoted down to 11½c.@11¾c. for Western, and 11¾c.@12¼c. for City; 11½c. for Inferior. Lard is in demand and declining; sales 700 tcs. and bbls. at 15c.@18¾c., and small lots of very choice at 18¾c.@18¾c.; also, 2,300 tcs. and bbls., for February, March and April delivery, sellers' option, at 17¾c.@17¾c. ₱ lb. Beef continues quiet at $14@$17 for Extra Mess, and $18@$20 for Extra Prime Mess; also, $17@$20 for New Plain Mess, and $22@$24 for New Extra do. Sales have been reported of 470 bbls. Tierce Beef is dull at $35@$40 for Prime Mess, and $40 @$45 for India Mess. Beef Hams are inactive; 125 bbls. Western were sold at $34 25@$34 50 ₱ bbl. Tallow is in good demand and heavy at 15c.@40c. for poor to prime, and 40c.@50c. for fancy State, and 20c. @35c. for Western, ₱ lb. Cheese has been in limited request at 13c.@18½c. for poor to choice ₱ lb. We quote:

Butter.

Orange and Sussex—fresh pails, ₱ lb	35 @55
Orange and Sussex—fair to fresh pails, ₱ lb	30 @45
Half-firkin tubs—first quality, ₱ lb	40 @42
Half-firkin tubs—second quality, ₱ lb	35 @38
New-York State Dairies—firkins—extra, ₱ lb	42 @42
N. Y. State Dairies—firkins—good to fine, ₱ lb	36 @38
N. Y. State Dairies—Welch tubs—extra, ₱ lb	38 @40
N. Y. S. Dairies—Welch tubs—good to fine, ₱ lb	32 @36
Ordinary State Dairies	30 @30
Pennsylvania Dairies—firkins—good to fine, ₱ lb	35 @38
Western Reserve—firkins—fair to good, ₱ lb	27 @32
Michigan and Indiana—firkins—fair to good, ₱ lb	27 @32
Ill. and Wisconsin—firkins—fair to good, ₱ lb	25 @28
Common Western—firkins, ₱ lb	20 @23
Canada Butter—good to fine, ₱ lb	27 @28
Roll Butter—good to fine, ₱ lb	30 @33

Cheese.

Factory-made Dairies—first quality	18¼@18¾
Factory-made Dairies—second quality	17¼@18
Farm Dairies—first quality	17¾@18
Farm Dairies—second quality	16 @17
Farm Dairies—common	13 @15
Orange County—flat skimmed	15 @18

SKINS—Deer have been in rather better request this week than last, and large sales have been prevented only by the firmness of holders, in some instances, demand an advance in gold rates. Some parcels Honduras, Central American and Porto Cabello have changed hands at our outside figures. Honduras, 67½c.; San Juan, 60c.@62c.; Bolivar, 37½c.@ 40c.; Sisal, 55c.@60c.; Vera Cruz, 65c.@67½c.; Chagres, 60c.; Porto Cabello and Barcelona, 55c.; Para, 57½c.@60c., in gold, ₱ lb. Goat are in small demand at nominal prices. The principal arrival of the week is 98 bales from Vera Cruz, which are not yet offered.

TALLOW—Sales to-day reach 86,000 lbs. at 13c.@ 13½c. ₱ lb.

WHISKY—Sales were confined to small lots at from $2 25@$2 28 ₱ gallon.

WOOL—Has been in more demand, especially for the firmer grades of domestic and foreign, which are quoted firmer. Included in the sales, since our last, have been 420,000 lbs. domestic fleece, at from 55c.@ 60c.; 85,000 lbs. domestic pulled at from 52½c.@70c.; 25,000 lbs. California at from 24½c.@59c.; the latter rate for tub washed; and 1,250 bales foreign, part Mestizo at 35c.@40c. ₱ lb. Messrs. WALTER, BROWN & Co. quote foreign wools, thus: Australian fine unwashed, 38c.@42c.; Cape of Good Hope fine unwashed, 35c.@43c.; Texas unwashed fleeces, 30c.@37c.; Spanish medium, white unwashed, 25c.@30c.; Spanish medium, black unwashed, 26c.@33c.; African unwashed, 20c.@30c.; African washed, 35c.@50c.; Mexican unwashed, 22c.@35c.; Mexican washed, 30c.@40c.; Buenos Ayres unwashed Mestizo, 25c.@35c.; Entre Rios washed, 38c.@50c.; Entre Rios unwashed, 22c.@ 30c.; Cordova washed, 42c.@47c.; Peruvian unwashed, 30c.@33c.; Chilian fine unwashed, 28c.@31c.; Chilian common unwashed, 24c.@2.c.; Smyrna fine washed, 42c.@50c.; Smyrna low and medium washed, 40c.@48c.; Smyrna grease, washed, 35c.@40c.; Smyrna white limed pulled, 24c.@28c.; Smyrna gray limed pulled, 20c.@22c.; Smyrna in grease, white, 22c.@26c.; Smyrna in grease, black and gray, 20c.@22c.; Donskoi washed long white, 40c.@47c.; Donskoi washed long black, 32c.@36c.; Donskoi unwashed, 23c.@ 30c.; washed white, medium to fine, 42c.@58c.; washed white, common, 30c.@38c.; yellow, 28c.@ 48c.; black and gray, 24c.@32c.; Turkey washed, 40c. @47c.; Turkey unwashed, 20c.@23c. ₱ lb. Messrs. SMYTH & LYNCH have made up the following statement of the

STOCK OF WOOL IN NEW-YORK.

	Jan. 1, 1866.	1865.
Domestic fleece and pulled, lbs	3,000,000	4,200,000
Texas, lbs	250,000	
California, lbs	1,250,000	500,000
Total domestic	4,500,000	4,700,000
	1866. Bls.	1865 Bls.
Caps	2,300	12,000
Mestiza	3,000	9,000
Cordova and Santiago	300	500
Coarse South American	150	200
Fine Chilian	600	400
Mediterranean	3,500	6,000
Donskoi	200	350
East Indian	4,000	3,000
Odessa Merino	300	
Sundry Foreign	1,500	3,000
Total foreign bales	16,050	27,450
Stock in Pounds,	1866.	1865.
Foreign	7,200,000	13,000,000
Domestic	4,450,000	4,700,000
Grand total in lbs	12,259,000	17,700,000

FREIGHTS.—For Liverpool, the engagements include 500 bales Cotton at 5-16d.@⅜d. ₱ lb.: 100 hhds. Tobacco at 32s. 6d. For London, by steamer, 11,000 bushels Ginger, p. p. For Glasgow, by steamer, 100 bales Cotton at ½d. ₱ lb. For Havre, by sail, with Petroleum on p. t. The latest charters, according to the *Shipping List*, have been: A Russian brig to Cork, for orders, 1,800 Petroleum, at 6s. 9d., flat; a barque, 560 tons, to Marseilles, Petroleum, at 6s.; a Tern. schooner, same voyage, 2,000 Petroleum, at 6s.; a Danish brig to Lisbon, Wheat, 1,900 Petroleum, at 5s. 6d.; an Italian Bark, 426 tons, to Civita Vecchia, 250 hhds. Tobacco, 40s.; a Breman Bark to Montevideo and Buenos Ayres, Lumber, $15, and Measurement Goods 15c.; a Bark, 285 tons, and two Schooners to Mobile, R. R. Iron, $5; a Schooner, 3,000 bbls., from Wilmington, N. C., to New York, Cotton ¾c., Rosin 70c., and Spirits Turpentine, $11; a Schooner to Portland, Corn, 6c.; one from Elizabethport to Providence, Coal, $2; one from Elizabethport to Boston, $2 25; a Ship, 552 tons, to River Plate; a British Brig, 330 tons, to Montevideo and Buenos Ayres; a Brig, 237 tons, to North Side Cuba and back to New York; a British Brig, 299 tons, from South Side Cuba to a port North of Hatteras; three British Brigs, 230, 240 and 174 tons, to West Indies and back; two Barks to Havana; and a Brig, 309 tons, and a Schooner, 285 tons, to New Orleans, on private terms.

MACHINERY.

THE HARRISON BOILER A SAFE STEAM BOILER. The attention of manufacturers and others using steam is confidently called to this new steam generator, as combining essential advantages in absolute safety from explosion, in cheapness of first cost and cost of repairs, in economy of fuel, facility of cleaning and transportation, &c., not possessed by any other boiler now in use. The boiler is formed of a combination of cast-iron hollow spheres, each sphere eight inches external diameter, and three-eighths of an inch thick. These are held together by wrought-iron bolts, with caps at the ends. Ranges are hundred of these boilers are now in operation. For descriptive circulars or price apply to JOSEPH HARRISON, Jr., Harrison Boiler Works, Gray's Ferry Road, adjoining the U. S. Arsenal, Philadelphia.

PROPELLER ENGINE FOR SALE—Second hand, in good order. Cylinder 18 inches by 2 feet stroke, high pressure, with boiler, heater, pumps and pipes, complete as taken out of vessel. Apply to C. W. COPELAND, No. 121 Broadway.

AN ERICSSON CALORIC ENGINE FOR SALE—A double 32-inch engine, 15 horse-power, will be sold low. Can be seen in motion at No. 301 Pearl-st.

DRY GOODS

CLOSING OUT SALE
OF OUR IMMENSE STOCK OF
FALL AND WINTER DRY GOODS,
COMMENCING ON MONDAY, JAN. 8, 1866.

In accordance with the established rules of our house we have just reduced the prices of our

FALL AND WINTER STOCK
OF
RICH LONG AND SQUARE SHAWLS,
PLAIN and FANCY SILKS,
FRENCH MERINOES,
EMPRESS CLOTHS,
IRISH and FRENCH POPLINS,
SAXONY POPLINS,
BRITISH POPLINS,
AND ALPACAS.

And we beg to inform our numerous customers, that it is our intention to CLOSE OUT entirely the STOCK of these departments, and have consented to submit to a much larger loss than is usual, as we expect to commence the erection of "OUR NEW STORE" early in March, and of necessity will have to suspend business during the time of building.

ALSO,
THE BALANCE OF OUR CLOAK STOCK,

We have marked down to the bare cost of manufacturing, and in some instances below the actual cost, in order to effect an entire clearance.

W. K. PEYTON,
Nos. 272 and 274 Bowery, near Houston-st.

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OUR IMMENSE STOCK OF
FALL AND WINTER DRY GOODS,
Commencing on MONDAY, Jan. 8, 1866.

In accordance with the established rules of our house, we have just reduced the prices of our FALL and WINTER STOCK of
BROCHE LONG SHAWLS,
WOOLEN SHAWLS,
PLAIN and FANCY SILKS,
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729 BROADWAY. AT LEGRAIN'S THIS WEEK, 729

GREAT BARGAINS IN EVENING SILKS.
MOIRE ANTIQUE in ALL COLORS at $3 50 worth $5 50.
All the DRESS GOODS GREATLY REDUCED in price.
SILK and WOOL POPLINS at 60c. worth $1.
MERINOES at $1 worth $1 50.
LEGRAIN, 729 Broadway,
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AT RINZEY'S EIGHTH-AVENUE CHEAP STORE,
ON MONDAY WILL COMMENCE,
SALE OF THE
INSURANCE COMPANIES,
30 CASES
DAMAGED GOODS
FROM THE STEAMSHIPS
CIRCASSIAN AND WEYBOSSET.
CASES OF HOSIERY, LACES,
TAPE, TRIMMINGS, GENT'S HANDKERCHIEFS, NEEDLEWORK, LINENS, TOWELINGS, PRINTS, MUSLINS, DRESS-GOODS, BRILLIANTS, CALICOES, DELAINES, BLANKETS, SHIRTS, DRAWERS, &c., &c.,
DAMAGED BY SALT WATER ONLY.
26,000 PAIRS WET HOSIERY,
FROM 10c. A PAIR UP.
LADIES' HEAVY WHITE AND BROWN HOSE.
LADIES' WHITE AND BROWN REGULAR-MADE.
LADIES' SUPER-FRANCA-QUALITY FLEECED HOSE.
LADIES' MERINO AND SILK HOSE.
WET HOSIERY.
GREAT SALE.
GENT'S BROWN AND WHITE HOSE.
GENT'S GRAY AND MIXED HOSE.
GENT'S LONG FLEECED HOSE.
MISSES' BROWN AND WHITE HOSE.
BOYS' HALF HOSE, IN VARIETY.
MISSES' ENGLISH MERINO HOSE.
WET EMBROIDERIES, TRIMMINGS, VEIL.
3,500 PIECES TAPE TRIMMINGS, 6c. YARD.
2,500 LADIES' AND GENT'S LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS,
5,000 HANDKERCHIEFS, HEMSTITCHED AND BORDERED.
GREAT SALE OF
WET GOODS.
5,000 GENT'S LINEN COLLARS, &c.
3,000 GENT'S SCARFS AND NECKTIES, 25c.
WET MUSLINS, 20c., 25c., 29c.
WET TOWELING, 10c. PER YARD UP.
WET 4-4 BLEACHED SHEETINGS, 25c.
WET BROWN DRESS-GOODS.
WET WOOL BLANKETS, $2 25.
WET HANDKERCHIEFS,
COLLARS, BRILLIANTS, NEEDLE-WORK, LACES, TRIMMINGS, &c., &c., &c.
WET POPLINS, 25c.
CLOSING OUT.
HEAVY CANTON FLANNELS, 26c.
HEAVY TWILLED FLANNELS, 31c.
CLOSING SCOTCH PLAIDS, 22c.
CLOSING SILK AND WOOL POPLINS, 37½c.
CLOSING LOT FURNITURE PRINTS, 12c.
CLOSING LOT DELAINES, 20c.
CLOSING LOT OF BRILLIANT GOODS, 12½c. to 25c.
CLOSING OUT WOOLEN HOODS,
SHAWLS, NUBIAS, LEGGINGS, SCARFS, &c.
BALMORAL SKIRTS, CHEAP.
LOT OF MERINOES, CHEAP.
3,000 PAIRS OF GLOVES, CLOSING CHEAP.
WOOLEN HOSIERY, VERY LOW.
LOT OF WHITE SHIRTS AND DRAWERS, 75c.
CLOSING OUT TRIMMINGS
WAY BELOW COST.
SEVERAL CASES SPOOL COTTONS, CHEAP.
2,500 doz. CLARK'S COTTON, FULL LENGTH, 3c.
BEST PINS, 4c. Paper.
BEST NEEDLES, 3c. and 5c. Paper.
SEVERAL VERY CHEAP LOTS OF
HANDKERCHIEFS FROM AUCTION, 6c. UP.
LINEN SETS, 15c. and 20c.
TRIMMINGS—VELVETS,
WAY BELOW COST OF IMPORTATION.
WM. KINZEY,
Nos. 221 and 223 EIGHTH AVENUE,
Between 21st and 22d sts.

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Blankets from the late auction' sales retailing at less than wholesale prices. Also, a large stock of Comforters and Bedding at greatly reduced prices. All goods warranted as represented.
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Amusements this Evening.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.
Broadway, between Prince and Houston sts.
THIS EVENING, Jan. 8, commencing at 7¾ o'clock, EAST LYNNE; or, THE ELOPEMENT. Characters by Messrs. J. W. Collier, J. G. Burnett, J. Nunan, E. Barry, J. W. Blaisdell, E. B. Holmes, Rendle, Nolan, &c., &c.; Misses Mary Wells, Maria Maeder, Carrie Burke, Everett, &c., &c., in the cast.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.
Broadway, corner 13th-st.
THIS EVENING, Jan. 8, commencing at 8 o'clock, LOVE'S SACRIFICE. Characters by Messrs. J. W. Wallack, John Gilbert, Charles Fisher, W. Holston, E. T. Ringgold, Norton, J. C. Williamson, Pope, Ward, Miss Madeline Henriques, Miss Ione Burke, Mrs. John Sefton and Miss Barrett.

WINTER GARDEN.
Broadway, between Bleecker and Amity sts.
THIS EVENING, Jan. 8, commencing at 8 o'clock, HAMLET. Characters by Edwin Booth, Mr. John Drott, Mr. W. F. Burroughs, Mr. Humphrey Bland, Mr. W. H. Andrews, Mr. J. L. Donnelly, Miss Andrews, and others.

NEW BOWERY THEATRE.
Bowery, between Canal and Hester sts.
THIS EVENING, Jan. 8, commencing at 7 o'clock, BLUE LIGHTS; or, THE DEVIL'S HALL. EL HYDER and THE SOLDIER'S WIFE; or, THE BLEAK HILLS OF ERIN.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.
Broadway, between Houston and Bleecker sts.
THIS EVENING, Jan. 8, commencing at 7¾ o'clock, MONTE CRISTO: Characters by Messrs. E. L. Davenport, Morton, Hind, Garrison, Lewis, Stoddard, Selwyn, Rockwell, Scott, Stanley; Misses Eliza Newton, Louisa Myers and Kate Newton.

LUCY RUSHTON'S NEW-YORK THEATRE,
Nos. 728 and 730 Broadway,
THIS EVENING, Jan. 8, commencing at 7¾ o'clock, THE HONEYMOON. Characters by Messrs. John K. Mortimer, Mr. C. W. Clarke, Mr. W. A. Mestayer, Mr. W. S. Higgins, Mr. T. Placide, Mr. H. Pearson; Miss Lucy Rushton, Mrs. Mark Smith, Mrs. A. W. Young.

BROADWAY THEATRE.
Broadway, between Grand and Broome sts.
THIS EVENING, Jan. 8, commencing at 7¾ o'clock, SOLON SHINGLE. Characters by Messrs. John E. Owens, W. C. Forbes, J. W. Albaugh, F. J. Evans, L. Hinton, W. H. Hamblin, H. Jordan, J. D. Bilby, F. W. Williams, J. B. Carpenter, Wm. Beekman; Mrs. A. Hind, Miss Sadie Cohs.

FOX'S OLD BOWERY THEATRE,
Bowery, between Bayard and Canal sts.
THIS EVENING, Jan. 8, commencing at 7¾ o'clock, THE RAG WOMAN AND HER DOGS, MARRIAGE AT ANY PRICE, and THE BOY WITH AUBURN HAIR.

BARNUM'S NEW MUSEUM.
Broadway, between Spring and Prince sts.
THIS MORNING, Jan. 8, commencing at 11 o'clock, extra Circus performance. AFTERNOON at 1, and EVENING, at 7½ o'clock, ORPHAN BOYS OF HUNGARY.

NEW-YORK CIRCUS AND HIPPOTHEATRON.
14th-st., opposite the Academy of Music.
THIS AFTERNOON, Jan. 8, MATINEE, commencing at 2½ o'clock. EVENING, at 8 o'clock, JAMES ROBINSON and a complete troupe of Equestrian and Gymnastic Performers.

BRYANT'S MINSTRELS.
Broadway, between Grand and Broome sts.
THIS EVENING, Jan. 8, commence at 7¾ o'clock, 101 ON PARLE FRANCAIS, and BLACKEYED WILLIAM. Characters by N. Seymour and Dan Bryant.

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THIS EVENING, Jan. 8, at 7¾, TIM O'BRYAN, THE IRISH EMIGRANT. Characters by the troupe. Ballet, songs, &c.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.
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THIS EVENING, Jan. 8, commencing at 8 o'clock, THE BATEMAN CONCERTS.

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THIS EVENING, Jan. 8, commencing at 7¼ o'clock, STEPHENS' ESCAPE; OR, ENGLISH RULE IN IRELAND.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

GENERAL NEWS.

The temperature yesterday was something quite unusual for this city. Soon after midnight on Saturday the cold rapidly increased, and kept on increasing until a late hour last evening. We usually consider anywhere from 25 to 15 degrees above zero to be right smart Winter weather, but yesterday the mercury ran down as far as ten degrees below zero; the wind was high, and fearfully cold, of course, and both day and night were bitterly frigid. We learn by our dispatches that it was not merely here but all over the North and West that the cold snap prevailed, various cities and towns reporting "below zero." At 1 o'clock this morning the cold was unabated; the wind was still boisterous; the sky was clear and of that blue-black color that betokens very low temperature; the moon was just half frozen over, and the luminous portion of her disc seemed to send out arrows of ice instead of rays; the ground and every exposed patch of water were changed to iron; the rivers began to choke with crude ice; car-drivers were trotting vigorously alongside their horses to keep their blood in action; coal dealers were rubbing their hands in anticipation of a rise; ice dealers were regretting the prospect of a full crop and low prices; the owners of skating ponds were standing on their heads with delight; and the poor—God help them!—were huddling into heaps in horrid hovels, to economize the little warmth left in their half-clad bodies. "The owl, for all his feathers, was a-cold."

A clerk in the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad at Chicago was arrested on the 4th inst. for robbing one of the company's safes of $1,800 in Government bonds. On being taken to the Central station he confessed to the officers, with tears, that he had taken the bonds, and that bad company and dissipation had been the cause of his ruin. He was in possession of a key to the outside doors of the safe, but not to the inner one; and one day seeing some jewelry placed in the inner safe, he thought it must be very valuable, and determined to secure it. By some means he succeeded in procuring a key to the inner door, and there found the $1,800 in 7.30 bonds, which he took instead of the jewelry, as being more safe and more easily converted into money.

The dead body of Mr. HENRY POND, a resident of Boston, and in affluent circumstances, was found on Saturday morning lying upon the floor of an old wooden building at Roxbury Point, with part of a handkerchief tied around his neck, and the remaining part affixed to a beam above, indicating that he had committed suicide by hanging, and subsequently the handkerchief parted, and the body fell upon the floor. Mr. POND was missed from his house on Tuesday last, and left behind him a letter which was found by his wife, and which contained some directions relative to the disposition of his property. Deceased was an elderly man, and no other cause than mental derangement can be assigned for the commission of the act.

The Freedmen's Schools in Louisiana have been suspended by order of Maj.-Gen. BAIRD, in command of the Department, on account of the giving out of the funds set aside for this purpose. Gen. BAIRD says in his order, that by the first of March the system of contracts prescribed for agricultural laborers will begin to yield a revenue, and it is expected that the schools in the country districts may then be re-established. In the cities and towns the mode of maintaining schools has not yet been so fully decided upon; but the vacation will be of the very shortest possible duration.

The Tallahassee *Floridian*, in describing the late inauguration of Gov. WALKER, says at the close of the inaugural the band of the Seventh Regulars struck up "Dixie," which electrified the audience and called forth repeated cheers. All felt its inspiring strains. Many among those who had perilled their lives in defence of a cause now gone forever, wept as they remembered the toils, the suffering they had endured in vain, and their hopes forever blasted, which once animated them.

The woolen factory at Marcellus Falls, N. Y., owned and occupied by Mr. WILLIAM G. BRIGHT, was entirely destroyed by fire on Thursday evening, Jan. 4. Mr. BRIGHT had recently placed considerable new and valuable machinery in the building, all of which, together with most of the cloth and stock in the factory, were destroyed. The loss is estimated at about $20,000, on which Mr. BRIGHT has an insurance of $10,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Official notice has been given that applications will be made to the Legislature of the State of New-York, at its next session, to set off the towns of Shawangunk, Marlborough, Plattekill and Gardiner, in the County of Ulster, and the towns of Newburgh, New-Windsor, Cornwall, Montgomery and Crawford, in the County of Orange, into a new county, to be called the County of Highland.

An attempt was made at St. Louis, on the 4th inst., to get possession of the Adams' Express safe. About 2 o'clock in the morning, as the express-wagon was crossing the river, six men made an assault upon the driver, who being well-armed, and whipping up his horses, succeeded in escaping the clutches of the robbers. The safe contained a large amount of money.

Judge THOMAS B. MONROE, a prominent lawyer, legislator and politician of Kentucky, died on the 23d ult. at Pass Christian, Miss., at the age of 74 years. He was a great student, an accomplished writer and speaker, and an influential member of the Democratic party.

The citizens of Chicago propose to present to Gen. GRANT MAYER'S picture, "The Consolation," now in that city. An appropriate design has been made for a superb frame, on which are to be inscribed the great actions in which the Lieutenant-General has taken part.

An effort is making by his friends to relieve Mr. CROSBY, of Chicago, from his embarrassments, so far that his opera house will be restored to his possession, and a liberal extension granted him to escape from his financial embarrassments.

The safe of the Adams Express Company, on the New-York and New-Haven Railroad, was robbed on Saturday night of money amounting to about $50,000.

It is reported that the Congressional Committee on the Death of President LINCOLN, intend to invite Mr. GEORGE BANCROFT, the historian, to deliver the oration on the occasion of the memorial services, Secretary STANTON having declined the honor.

The Detroit *Tribune* understands that the Jackson, Lansing and Saginaw Railroad has been taken in charge by the Michigan Central Company, they having guaranteed its bonds.

The first dispatch by the new telegraph line between New-Orleans and Galveston, Texas, by the way of Vicksburgh and Shreveport, was sent through on the 29th ult. to the New-Orleans *Times*.

The rebel Gen. LONGSTREET has become a commission merchant in New-Orleans.

The Powhatan Hotel, Richmond, Va., has reduced its charges from four to three dollars a day.

The first shad of the season on the Savannah River were taken on the 29th ult.

LOCAL NEWS.

The body of Dr. CUMMINGS lies in state at the Church of St. Stephens, in Twenty-eighth street. Thousands of people visited it during the day. The funeral services will be held to-day at 10½ o'clock A. M., when Dr. MCGLYNN will perform the mass and Father HECKER pronounce the sermon. The musical portion of the service will probably be of the most beautiful and excellent character.

The one hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the Methodist Church on this continent was celebrated yesterday. An able sermon, giving a history of the Church since its organization, was delivered at the Central Methodist Episcopal Church, by Rev. Dr. H. J. FOX.

JOSEPH HECHT, WM. FRANKLER, JACOB FICHS, CHAS. WITZCHELING and a printer named BLOMER have been arrested on a charge of being engaged in the counterfeiting and sale of spurious cigar stamps They will be examined before Commissioner OSBORN on Tuesday next.

Mr. STEPHEN MASSETT (Jeemes Pipes) gave "Drifting About" before the "Press Club," in Philadelphia, on Friday last.

Mr. HENRY H. SCRANTON, Purser of the steamer *Zodiac*, will accept our acknowledgements for late Savannah papers.

There was a further decline of 1½ ₱ cent. on Gold on Saturday. The Railway speculation continued very active for the *Bear* account. Government Stocks quiet. Money easy at 6@7 ₱ cent.

General business was inactive on Saturday. Flour, Wheat, Corn, Pork, Lard and Dressed Hogs were cheaper. Cotton and Groceries steady. Freights quiet, with 592 vessels of all classes in port.

THE STAR OF EMPIRE.—The first Governor of the State of Colorado (the well-known Western Explorer, WILLIAM GILPIN) has lately sent in his message to the first State Legislature. It dilates upon the future glories of Colorado, and sets forth its resources in language which cannot be stigmatized as bald: "Thus within our State are condensed and blended in supreme variety and excellence, mines, agriculture, forests, rivers, a propitious atmosphere, adaptability to transportation, and a commanding geographical position." Gov. GILPIN beholds through the eye of faith two railways of supreme importance speedily traversing the State of Colorado, the Continental Railway, passing from sea to sea, bisecting the State east and west; branching from this, a longitudinal railway along the plateau, and pursuing the line of the Rio Bravo del Norte, thus affiliating the Coloradoians with the neighboring people of Mexico. From the capital of Colorado to the capital of Mexico is less than 2,000 miles; and this latter line, intermediate between the Cordillera level throughout, beneath a most propitious atmosphere, and of easy construction, will traverse successively all the great states and cities of Mexico. The railroads being thus built, the Governor swells out in the following style—showing the capital of Colorado to be the centre of the world:

"Having a highly developed and wealthy population of eight millions within the State of Colorado, there will be the convergent point of three great railways, coming from the cities of San Francisco, Mexico and New-York. Being on the straight line from Asia to Europe, and exactly equidistant between them, from hence will branch the connections with the people who inhabit the Southern prolongations of the American Continent. These railroads will consequently unite, by the shortest space, the whole population of the globe, and will become the lines of travel for the whole human race."

There is one danger, however, to be feared by the people of Colorado, the danger that the density of population there will soon be so great that the people will crush each other to death. That this peril is not purely imaginary may be seen by the following sentences:

"The steady advance upon us of the progressive movements of population is remarkable. The broad column advancing from the east presses up to the Cordillera with a weight of thirty millions of people. Another column from the Pacific advances through California, Nevada and Utah. Through Montana comes a column from the North. The Mexican column, ascending from the South, enters upon the Parks and the Arkansas. Thus, *upon Colorado as a centre, four marching columns converge, perpetually increasing in number, force and energy, and perpetually condensing.* The aggregate population of North America, by which we are begirt, is fifty millions. Our State is fitted to receive, and is ample in area, for this confluent multitude. This short transit line, reaching the seas at San Francisco and New-York, prolongs itself to Asia on the one hand, Europe on the other."

We thought New-York City was in a bad way in the matter of crowding; but its sufferings, at the most, are slight to what must be those of Colorado when these things are realized. Gov. GILPIN, rather hastily, we should think, says that Colorado is fitted to receive the "confluent multitude" that is marching upon it in four columns from the four cardinal points of the compass; but we confess we would rather live on a house-top in New-York than attempt to live in Colorado after the four columns get there.

Popular Impulse and Our Foreign Relationships.

A meeting which, but for the unavoidable absence of Mr. MONTGOMERY BLAIR, we are assured, would have been a great success, was held in the Cooper Institute on Saturday evening.

The meeting, according to the handbills, was called "in view of the recent aggressions of Spain on our sister republic of Chili, and the continued assaults of France on the independence of Mexico." The persons attending the meeting were expected, "by their voice of sympathy and cheer," to encourage the defenders of American independence in Chili, Peru, and Mexico, and wherever else republican institutions are imperilled." These are all objects of vast scope, and but for the absence of certain public speakers, we are required to believe, they would have been discussed on Saturday with great force and conclusiveness.

There is no doctrine more easy of promulgation than that which asserts the desire of the American people to see republican institutions generally throughout the world abundantly prosperous. And we dare say that, but for the state of the weather a moderate amount of fire and enthusiasm might have been gotten up on the subject, even in the absence of the late Postmaster-General.

We are all desirous to see Chili, Peru and Mexico independent and well governed; and any number of resolutions to that effect might be passed, without a dissentient voice, at any number of meetings on either side of the Alleghanies. If there is any possible ground of dissent on such a subject, it would be that it is a work of supererogation to reaffirm an article of universal belief in so formal a manner.

The question, however, occurs to some of us, whether these sympathizing meetings are always meant solely to serve the *ostensible* object of their promoters; whether they are not in a measure the fruit and offspring of foreign agencies; and whether our American continental sympathies are not too often laid siege to, under a pretext which covers some sleight-of-hand in financiering with which we have nothing—or ought to have nothing—to do.

We do not say that this was the origin and motive of the Saturday meeting in behalf of the Southern republics. But it does so happen that, along with the report of that meeting, certain journals are induced to publish a special recommendation of certain foreign securities, of purely speculative value, which have been pushed into the market here. These securities depend far more upon the influences brought to bear upon opinion in this country, than upon any immediate or prospective value which they otherwise possess. And it is well that this fact, at least, should be known to those of our citizens who may be innocently made agents for floating foreign stocks that have no real basis of credit or property to keep them in the market.

In extending our sympathies as a republican community to Peru, Chili and Mexico, a decent regard to our own interests teaches us all that international affairs cannot be arranged on a basis of mere sentiment or poetic justice. What each independent State has primarily to consider—although the doctrine is extremely selfish—is what are its own special interests in the issue involved. In grave international complications, we Americans have not to consider what nations are republican and what other nations are monarchical in their systems of government. We have to deal with the hard fact of how these complications affect ourselves, and with that fact alone. It may so happen any day, that a quarrel between Spain and some South American republic shall arise, in which it is quite as much our interest to side with the former as with the latter.

If there were ten men—more or less—at the Cooper meeting who can tell us how and why our government should have sided, either actively or passively, with Peru, in the quarrel which led to the seizure of the Chincha Islands, we should like to hear their arguments. And if there is any one ready now to prove to an American audience that we must all raise an indignant shout against Spain because she asks redress from Chili for certain real or alleged grievances, we want the proof, before we are asked to shout ourselves hoarse in the cause of Chili or any other State. The first lesson, we take it, that an independent State has to learn is to be civil and respectful to its neighbors. The mere youth, or the physical weakness of a community, gives it no absolution for the neglect of this duty. Certainly it gives it no claim to the sympathies and hosannas of other States.

We do not say that either Peru or Chili were, for a moment, wrong in their quarrel with the mother country. But we do say that a public meeting in New-York, even inspired by the presence of Mr. MONTGOMERY BLAIR, is hardly in a position to show us that either of these republics were altogether in the right.

Our citizens have to remember that the Government of the United States has duties equally binding to perform toward friendly Powers, whether they are republican or monarchical. If we were to make it a rule, or if we were to give the world cause for believing it to be a rule, for our people to make common cause with a foreign State, *solely or mainly on the ground of its upholding a system of government similar to our own*, we should soon cease to exercise any moral influence whatever in the affairs of the world. We are surely concerned in seeing that we maintain such influence. And if so, we must cease to regulate our relations by the mere impulse of popular feeling, however generous may be the inspiration in which that feeling has its birth.

THE SINKING FUND.—By an ordinance of the Common Council of long standing, the Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairmen of the Finance Committees of the two boards are denominated the "Commissioners of the Sinking Fund," and their duty is to hold and invest the stocks and surplus funds belonging to the city. The labors of the entire six men cannot reasonably occupy twenty-four hours in a year. They have no salary, the office being honorary, or at least so intended. Now, we should like to ask these honorable gentlemen the meaning of the following little resolution which passed safely through both Boards of the Common Council on the 28th ult.:

"Resolution of Board of Aldermen, as follows:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of each of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for the present year for the sum of $1,000, for services rendered; the amount to be charged by the Comptroller to the appropriate account.

Which was concurred in by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Keenan, Healy, Robinson, Stacom, Hagerty, Koster, Kenney, Brinkman, Brady, Houghtalin, McGrath, Green, Smith, O'Callaghan, Russell, Joyce, Reilly, Fitzgerald, Cook—19.

Negative—Councilmen Patterson, Leavy, Lent—3."

Observing that this was for the year 1865, we respectfully ask if Recorder (now Mayor) HOFFMAN, proposes to take this thousand dollars in addition to the six thousand which was his lawful salary? We trust he will set a good example by refusing it, and then, of course, all the others will pay back or refuse to receive their share, and so save six thousand dollars to the treasury. Such opportunities to prove a living zeal for economy and reform do not happen every day, and it is to be hoped that the parties interested will not fail to improve their precious chance.

The Wandering Diplomatists.

The managers of the telegraph are evidently anxious to prepare the public mind for something stupendous in the matter of reciprocity. Dispatch follows dispatch, bidding the busy world of Washington to prepare for the advent of notable diplomatists. The provinces are sending their great men, and the wires are worked sedulously in advance, that we may not be unmindful of their might or their mission. It is to be deplored that the precise character in which they come has not been stated with equal explicitness. Their names and their purpose have been heralded forth on the wings of the wind, but the exact *role* in which they are severally to electrify the crowd at Willard's and evoke wonder in the corridors of the Capitol, is cruelly enveloped in mystery. Come they as masters of the situation, or as mendicants pleading for charity?—as representatives of provinces proudly conscious of having fulfilled treaty obligations, or humble and conscience stricken under a sense of broken faith?—as negotiators at liberty to make and accept terms suited to the situation, or as *attachés* of Sir FREDERICK BRUCE, with provincial wants subordinate to imperial desires? We look in vain for enlightenment.

The provincial oracles render us no help in the dilemma. Their sounds are feeble, uncertain and inharmonious. They are prone to forget the weak points of their position, as the temper in which they argue the reciprocity question sufficiently proves. Take them at their own valuation, and no more self-reliant people, no more self-sustaining territory can be found under the sun. They, colonial Britons, dependent upon the United States? The bare suggestion is treason, punishable with penal servitude at least. And to show the world that they are not dependent, they have instituted a roving commission, whose members are somewhere in the tropics, trying to persuade West Indians, Mexicans and other highly civilized communities to give a preference to Canadian flour. Five minutes in Pearl-street would satisfy the commissioners of the futility of their errand, and the unfitness of Canadian flour for the tropical market; but in the interim the delusion is too pleasant to be discarded. Now and then, however, events occur which soften considerably the roar of the colonial lion. The temporary exaction of passports during the days of the raiders sufficed to show that, cut off from American travel, the provincial railroads would not earn enough to provide fuel for their locomotives. And the steps taken a few days ago to prevent the importation of cattle have thrown our neighbors into a state of consternation which ill accords with their everlasting boast of independence. Even yet they seem not to have fully worked out the problem.

If the exclusion of their cattle from the American market excites panic from one end of the province to the other, what will be the condition of affairs after the 17th of March, when the nice little arrangement called reciprocity will terminate altogether.

Perhaps the diplomatists whom the telegraph would fain make distinguished will permit us to offer a suggestion for their consideration. We counsel them before trying to coax Mr. MCCULLOCH, or cajole Congress, to consider that the tone which succeeds amidst the stumps of the remote Ottawa is hardly adapted to the seat of government of this republic. Let them not propose to parley on the supposition that Canada can live and prosper irrespective of commercial favor from the United States. That sort of thing may succeed where the family of Dundreary live and move and have their being, but it will not be effective at Washington. The case is there too well understood to admit of gammon. And the provincial agents will spare themselves some labor and ultimate mortification by a frank acknowledgment of the exigencies of their situation. There is no humiliation in telling the truth. And the truth in this connection may be set forth in a couple of sentences. The treaty now about to expire has been the source of the greater part of whatever progress and prosperity Canada has realized during the last ten years; and failure to obtain a renewal of reciprocity will plunge it back again into the slough of despondent poverty to which it was previously accustomed. For much that the province produces this country affords the only possible market; and to impose duties as the condition of admittance, will be to cut down the profits of the Canadian farmer and lumberer to a few degrees above the starving point. Other facts equally apparent may also be confessed without disadvantage. For example, the fact of dependence upon this country in regard to postal facilities at all times, and facilities in regard to travel and trade during half of the year, should be admitted at the outset. It might tend to restrain some vaporing and hold in check imperial self-sufficiency. The threat, in fashion at Ottawa, that if denied reciprocity on its own terms the province will reduce its tariff and so become a great smuggling *entrepot*, will probably not be repeated at Washington by agents who remember how quickly and effectually the United States could crush out any offensive effort of this kind upon its Northern frontier.

We may usefully submit another recommendation. It is that the provincial agents shall preface their petitions for a new treaty by an unreserved confession of dishonesty in relation to the treaty shortly to expire. It is not alleged that the province in whose service they are disregarded the mere letter of the bargain. But it is alleged, and truthfully alleged, that the spirit, which alone constitutes real reciprocity, was infringed again and again, sometimes under one pretext, sometimes under another. But always to the prejudice of this country. The series of changes in the provincial tariff from 1855 to 1859 afford an illustration with which Congress cannot but be familiar. The duty on molasses advanced from 16 to 30 per cent.; on boots and shoes from 12½ to 25; on cotton goods, iron goods, silks and woolens, from 12½ to 20; and so on through the list. True, these rates were somewhat reduced by the tariff of 1862, but we nevertheless retain the right to complain that after securing access to our market under the pretence of pursuing a liberal policy toward our manufactures, an exclusive policy was adopted, avowedly to keep our manfactured products out of the province. The letter of the treaty may not have precluded changes of tariff on either side, but certainly the spirit of the arrangement required, the maintenance of a policy "reciprocally beneficial and satisfactory;" and for the violation of this, the provincial agents must render an explanation, if not an account. The manner in which the new duties are levied adds infinitely to the weight of the charge of bad faith against Canada. It was not just to increase duties with the view of excluding American manufactures; it was grossly unjust so to arrange these increased duties as virtually to establish a differential system against us. This was done, however, when Canada decided to levy duties on the value of goods at the place of purchase; a change designed to build up the interests of Montreal and benefit the manufacturers and shippers of England, and the effect of which has been to deprive American importers and carriers of advantages they were entitled to under the treaty. In this instance we contend that the vital element of the treaty was destroyed by Canada, whose agents must prepare to encounter the indignation naturally aroused by so scandalous a violation of provincial faith, And when they fairly enter upon the business of confession and expiation, they ought not to pass over another form of discrimination against us, as evidenced in their canal tolls, which were arranged to foster the St. Lawrence route, and really have operated unjustly on American shipowners and forwarders.

One of the provincial agents has been at the confessional before, and some of his sayings will probably rise up in judgment against him at Washington. For, substantially, he has pleaded guilty to one of the most serious counts in the indictment against Canada. In a published report, dated March, 1860, Mr. GALT conceded that the extended application of the *ad valorem* principle, and the levying of duties upon the value of goods in the market where last bought, had benefitted the shipping interests of Great Britain. In the same document he declared that "any duty which has been placed on English goods is quite indemnified by the decreased cost at which our canals, railways and steamships enable them now to be delivered throughout the province;" and yet again, that "if the question were one of competition with Canadian manufacturers, the English exporter is quite as well off as before, *while as compared with the American his position is greatly improved.*" More is not needed to sustain this portion of the case against Canada, as we have hastily stated it. Mr. GALT himself admits the fact of change in the direction of discrimination against the American importer.

We know the answer to these and kindred complaints, as it is printed for the edification of loyal Britons at home and abroad. In a report prepared in 1862, the Minister of Finance, who happens to be one of these wandering diplomatists, used this language: "The predecessor of the undersigned adopted the specific system, which was lately again changed, with the view, as stated, of encouraging direct importation, and British and colonial shipping and merchants—an object for which it is not considered necessary to offer either defence or apology to the United States." Brave words, Mr. Finance Ministsr, but scarcely suitable to the latitude of Washington.

If the theatre of the diplomatic effort were London or the backwoods of Canada, this vaunted indifference to the charges and complaints preferred by the United States might be tolerated, and even be applauded as preeminently loyal and patriotic. Inasmuch, however, as the effort is being transferred to Washington, it will be necessary to sing to a different tune. Mayhap Congress will say to these gentlemen: "You boast of your British connection; you avow a purpose to serve British interests at the expense of American; you deny the right of Americans to seek explanation or apology. Instead of appealing to us, then, for succor, address yourselves to Britain, and crave at her hands a continuance of the profit you have derived from this country." What will be the reply of the provincial agents? Will they mount the traditional lion and trot northward to Halifax, there to take passage in Britannia's craft? Or will they descend to the plain ground of fact, interpret diplomacy to signify straightforward dealing, instead of trickery and pretence, and candidly acknowledge that, while dependent on Britain for their governors and flag, they are dependent on the United States for their commercial advancement and prosperity?

ONLY GO!—The intelligent Paris correspondent of the London *Daily News* (Dec. 17) in mentioning that M. DROUYN D'LHUYS had been closeted with the Emperor at Compiègne several hours every day for a week, remarks: "I believe the Mexican question is approaching a solution, and that that solution will be the evacuation of the territory by the French army, the abdication of MAXIMILIAN, and yet no war between France and the United States." He puts the three following propositions as nearly beyond doubt:

1. That the (to France) unexpected suppression of the Southern rebellion has put an end to any projects which the Emperor may have conceived of patronizing the Latin race, as opposed to the Anglo-Saxon, on the American continent; and that, in conformity with the unmistakable wishes of his people, he desires nothing so much as to withdraw his army from Mexico, provided he can do so without any semblance of disgrace. 2. That the Emperor MAXIMILIAN is thoroughly convinced that he cannot keep his empire without the support of French bayonets; and 3. That the United States, though thoroughly resolved not permanently to endure a monarchical government on the American continent maintained by a European army, most sincerely desire not to go to war with France.

The writer speculates that the son of the Emperor ITURBIDE may possibly be put in the place of MAXIMILIAN, and that if but a few weeks of peaceable and orderly government could be obtained under the flag of a "native" prince named IZUNAGA, just while the French troops were embarking at Vera Cruz for France, appearances would be preserved; and whether the Iturbide dynasty lasted or not, the attempt to set him up would doubtless very well answer the purpose of his parent and guardian, beside launching in the world the present representative of a very transient monarchy with a new impetus. The proofs are accumulating that LOUIS NAPOLEON, as well as the rest of the French people, has reached the conviction, that a permanent French or foreign rule is impossible in Mexico. If he will only withdraw the invading army as soon as possible, and leave Mexico free to regulate its own institutions, we shall care little what pretext he puts forth for the act.

"New-Broadway."

Having an hour to spare, the other day, we turned over the brief minutes of the Common Council for some of the closing sessions of 1865. Much to our surprise we found that a grand new boulevard has been ordered to be made from the corner of Ann-street and Broadway to Fulton Ferry. Being slightly interested in the affairs of our own neighborhood, we endeavored to trace the history of this important improvement. We found that nobody had petitioned for it, and not a whisper was ever heard of it until the 26th of December, when a Mr. HAGGERTY offered a simple resolution in the Board of Councilmen, which read as follows:

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby authorized and *directed* to take the necessary legal proceedings, *immediately upon the passage of this resolution*, for widening and extending Ann street and Fulton street, in accordance with the red lines and figures on the map thereto annexed, made by EDWARD BOYLE, City Surveyor, December 12, 1865, and which forms part of the resolution; said streets, when so opened and extended, to be known and designated as "New-Broadway."

This resolution was quietly laid over, and no one seemed to notice it. Two days afterward it came up in regular order, was read by title, or in the routine form, and adopted by a vote of 18 to 4. In two minutes it was presented to the Board of Aldermen, and promptly referred to the Committee on Streets. This committee does not seem to have reported at all, and two days afterward the "resolution from the Board of Councilmen" was hastily adopted by the Aldermen, by 9 yeas to 4 nays.

The widening of a street is usually a matter of some importance, and it is supposed that the parties immediately interested, who are to pay the heavy assessments that inevitably come, ought to be consulted, or at least ought to know what is proposed. Yet here we have a plan arranged, maps that nobody can get sight of drawn, and within the space of four days the whole goes through the Common Council and meets the approval of the Mayor. Not only has this haste marked the affair with suspicion, but its very form indicates something wrong. It is usual, in street-widening cases, to have, first, the petition of a majority of the neighboring property owners; this is referred to the Committee on Streets; the committee advertise for objections, if any there be, and hold frequent sessions to hear arguments on both sides; then after, it may be, three months' delay, they report in favor of the work, and attach to their report a regular ordinance, describing the thing to be done and the mode of doing it. Then the Supreme Court is asked to appoint commissioners of estimate and assessment; these commissioners hire a room from some City Hall shark, and employ a clerk at a fabulous salary, and six months afterward they adopt the plans and specifications of a surveyor, and go into court to have their little bills confirmed. Of course, the commissioners are usually men of straw, who know nothing and care nothing about the business, so that they get their liberal per diem allowance.

During all these formalities the people interested may get wind of the affair, and at least have the poor privilege of protesting. But here, within half a week, upon a mandatory resolution, the property-owners of this immediate section are taxed a quarter of a million for an "improvement" which is to say the least, of very questionable propriety. And so hot is the haste to clinch the matter that the Corporation Counsel is *ordered* to go at once into Court and have commissioners appointed.

We understand that the signing of this resolution was one of the last official acts of Mayor GUNTHER; and we believe that legal steps are being taken to shed light upon the affair. It would certainly be gratifying to those whose property is to be assessed to know to what influential and considerate friends they are indebted for the suddenly conferred luxury of paying for "New-Broadway."

The Daughters of Perdition.

We trust that every reader of the TIMES has carefully perused the report of the Police Commissioners. If any tax-earning and tax-paying citizen, who has thoroughly imbibed that document, does not dream fitfully of Sodom and Gomorrah, and involuntarily look for a summons to serve on a vigilance committee, he must be of most unimpressible composition. We gather from tradition very horrible ideas of the wickedness of the cities upon which the fire of Heaven came down, but Sodom, in all its infamy, was ages behind New-York in some of the lowest and most dangerous vices. The twelve hundred "daughters of perdition" who are dragging twelve thousand foolish young men to ruin, whose shameless dens obtrude upon the most important thoroughfares, who are the most conspicuous of afternoon promenaders in Broadway, and whose lasciviousness is hardly restrained in the broad light of day, are enough to blast the character of Paris itself. Of course, the reader will not expect us to characterize the *men* who own and manage such places; there is something in the business so inexpressibly loathsome that one shudders at the mere sight of the places, while the actual presence of one of these "proprietors" is contamination worse than Syrian leprosy. Yet, when honest people wonder why we do not suppress concert-saloons, they are coolly told that the law not only fails to punish, but indirectly protects them—that arrests are in vain, since immediate discharge almost always follows, and the mistaken policeman who undertakes to bring the keepers of such dens to account, is pretty sure to get a moral lecture from the Justice on meddling with "respectable citizens."

There is but one way to deal with these places, and one only. Statutes are of little avail; such rogues will break through or wriggle through any act that ingenuity can frame. Summary justice is the only remedy. Let the police have power to close instantly any place of this character, and give the owner no resource save a suit for damages or false arrest in a regular court. This may seem to be conferring arbitrary power; but that is just what we need. Complaints, indictments and formalities of ordinary law can never reach such offenders. They run their course, and perpetrate their thefts and robberies, and are away to new quarters, while the District-Attorney is dozing over his first complaint. Let the police be charged and commanded to close up all these dens and lock up their inhabitants, and their visitors, too, and within three months there will not be one of them left. But to do this we must have a legislative enactment of a broad character, conferring discretionary powers, and especially prohibiting police and civil justices and judges from interfering before a proper hearing can be had.

In dealing with human beings we certainly prefer to show due regard to legal rights and guarantees; but these saloon-keepers and their "daughters of perdition" are fiends who are garroting society, and there should be no more hesitation in dragging them to punishment than one would have in knocking down the foot-pad who is stealing his purse. They have no rights that honest people are bound to respect; they are outlaws by every code, human and divine, and should be hunted as Western settlers hunt wolves—to utter extermination.

The French Press and the President's Message.

The press of France has received the Message of President JOHNSON in quite as friendly a way as it was received by the press of England; and the President's treatment of the Franco-Mexican question is discussed in as conciliatory a spirit in Paris as his treatment of the Anglo-American question was discussed in England. Not merely Liberal journals, like the *Debats*, recognize the justice of the President's position, but Paris journals in general make the same recognition, as far as they may, considering the censorship. The *Debats* says that the message discusses the affairs of the day with a precision and clearness seldom found in similar documents emanating from European Governments, and argues that President JOHNSON'S interpretation of the Monroe Doctrine has n

indicate the need of a deep basis for thought and action, were all acutely felt and deeply sympathized with by Mr. ROBERTSON. His conviction was firm and unwavering that a remedy existed for this and all similar ills. The manner in which he applied this remedy is the thing that distinguishes him from other divines. Never before were the power, the richness and the fullness of the doctrines of the Gospel, in their application to the daily walk and conversation of men, so brought out or so illustrated with the fire of poetry, the mastery of modern thought and learning, and the strength of reasoning, that irresistably carried every hearer along with it. He was devoured by zeal for the welfare of his fellow-men, and died a martyr to his exertions on their behalf. His private character was without a shade. "No cloud rests on our memory of him," says a friend. He was cast in a heroic mould, and displayed in his intercourse with his friends the grandeur of a perfectly simple and unaffected nature, utterly incapable of concealing or compromising a conviction of his mind, and always taking the most direct road to its object. The pulpit discourses that have won the admiration of members of every sect and denomination were poured out from the fullness of his daily ministrations to a congregation, as the world would rank it, of inferior order, and not prepared for great occasions or purposes of display. They will with the present volumes preserve the memory of one who, had he possessed the desire so to do, might have asserted his rank among the foremost men of the age in all that constitutes true greatness in its possessors.

HISTORY OF RATIONALISM; EMBRACING A SURVEY OF THE PRESENT STATE OF PROTESTANT THEOLOGY. By Rev. JOHN F. HURST, A.M. With an appendix of literature. 8vo. New-York: CHAS. SCRIBNER & Co.

The present work is one of several of the same class that the recent few years have produced. They all tend to show that the Anglo-Saxon intellect is at least awakening to the conviction that wars, battles, sieges and such gross material facts are not the only province of history. The prevailing currents of mental operations and impressions—of which all action is merely the outward form and expression—must be studied by those who would penetrate beneath the surface. Among these exercises of the mind most influential in their results, most momentous in their consequences, must be counted the religious convictions of succeeding ages, subject, as they are, to the agency of changes, modifications and disturbing forces. The history of the succession of events in the intellectual world as applied to the investigation of theology during an important portion of the world's career, from the age succeeding to the Reformation in Germany to our own day, it is the object of Mr. HURST's book to trace out and explain. The emancipation of the human mind from the pressure of authority, which took place at that period, was not to be confined within the limits where those who gave the impulse desired to restrict it. In proceeding from one extreme to the other it was natural that freedom should sometimes run riot. Its excesses gave birth to what our author understands by "Rationalism"—a tendency impossible to suppress—the source from whence the controversies, the religious enterprises, and the social manifestations of the age take much of their pervading shape and color. We do not find in the work before us an exact definition of Rationalism, but the author uses it as synonymous with infidelity, and would probably explain it as an improper and undue use of reason in a sphere where no good could result from its exercise, and where Revelation supplies fully and freely what with its utmost efforts Reason could never attain to. Commencing with Germany, Mr. HURST surveys in detail the progress of this tendency or predisposition in the various countries of Europe, and its effects on the philosophy, literature and popular theology of each, down to the latest developments arising from the work of STRAUSS in Germany, RENAN in France, THEODORE PARKER in the United States, and Dr. COLENSO and the writers of "Essays and Reviews" in England. The examination is conducted with competent learning, and a full acquaintance with the best authorities acquired during a residence in Europe of some duration, undertaken for purposes of study. From this cause the work displays a familiarity with continental sources of information rare in English works. Many things that it contains will therefore be new even to well-informed readers, as for example the two chapters on "Theology and Theological Schools in Holland, and the great controversy now pending between Orthodoxy and Rationalism" in that country. The information contained in them is not to be found elsewhere in an English dress. The whole work does credit to Mr. HURST's candor and spirit of fairness. Though he writes as the antagonist of Rationalism, he can admit the sincerity of its defenders and is able to recognize the soul of goodness often displayed by the champion of a cause that he must regard as belonging to "things evil." The work closes with a full bibliography of the literature of Rationalism, that at once shows how wide has been the range of the investigations of the author, and the means of following him in his researches to those who desire to examine for themselves. The title of the book suggests a companion with the lately published work by Mr. LECKEY, "History of the Spirit of Rationalism in Europe;" but then the works have scarcely a feature in common. Mr. LECKEY's object is to trace the *operation* of the spirit of Rationalism in the details of actual life, public and private. Mr. HURST goes deeper down, and searches out the *causes* of the changes and progressions that the other writer recognizes without attempting to account for. There is consequently much in each book that supplements the other, and the two may well be studied together with profit.

WINIFRED BERTRAM AND THE WORLD SHE LIVED IN. By the author of the "Schönberg-Cotta Family, &c. 12mo. New-York: M. W. DODD.

The praise of the author of *Schönberg-Cotta Family* is in all our households, and every new book from the same source only widens the number of her readers, and increases the admiration felt for the pure spirit of religion—the graceful narrative form, and the acquaintance with the mysteries of the human heart, displayed by the writer. *Winifred Bertram* is an English story. The scene is laid where the authoress is strongest—its interest arises from domestic incidents that all can sympathize with. Though developing with great power certain phases of religious life, there is nothing to deter any reader from the book. It possesses, in fact, charms for all and is certain to meet with universal acceptance.

MISS CAREW. A Novel. By AMELIA B. EDWARDS. Author of "Barbara's History." 8vo. New-York: HARPER & BROTHERS.

Miss EDWARDS has been a prominent name among the band of authoresses to whom modern readers of fiction are under so many obligations. Her new book can scarcely, with correctness, be called "A Novel." *Miss Carew* is merely a slight framework that holds together a collection of independent stories, having no connection with each other, but all showing the facility of invention, the knowledge of the world acquired by travel and experience, and the pleasant, current style of composition, common to Miss EDWARDS' former books. Those who like a work of fiction without the entanglement of a complicated plot, will be just suited with *Miss Carew*.

PLYMOUTH PULPIT NOTES. A Collection of Memorable Passages from the Discourses of HENRY WARD BEECHER. By AUGUSTA MOORE. New edition, revised and enlarged. 12mo. New-York: HARPER & BROTHERS.

Miss MOORE's book has already met with a very wide circulation, so it may be sufficient merely to announce the appearance of the present enlarged and revised edition. Those who are not already acquainted with the work will find it rich in the gems of thought, as well as in the ripened fruit of eloquence and the full-blown flowers of poetical oratory. The collection includes "the cream" of Mr. BEECHER's public discourses, sermons and addresses, down to the celebration of Fort Sumter and the exercises on the death of President LINCOLN.

SEA-SIDE STUDIES IN NATURAL HISTORY. By ELIZABETH C. AGASSIZ and ALEXANDER AGASSIZ. 8vo. Boston: TICKNOR & FIELDS.

This beautifully printed volume cannot fail to exert a favorable influence on the study of nature among those who are "dwellers by the watery waste," and consequently able to pursue the investigations to which it is a guide and director. The book comprises as its subject the marine animals of Massachusetts Bay, of the class Radiata, including some of the most curious and interesting creations, strange in form and vivid in color, with whom, since the invention of the aquarium, a more intimate acquaintance has been made, as the star-fish, the sea urchins, the coral-building insects, &c., &c. The book is beautifully got up. The engravings are executed in a new style of intaglio wood-cutting, and illustrate the very peculiar subjects copied, in almost the only way in which it could be done without great expense. The text is as instructive as the plates are curious and ornamental. It is sufficient to say that it has been prepared in a great measure by the assistance of the notes, observations and explanations of Prof. L. AGASSIZ, by members of his own family.

The current number of the *American Journal of Science* is an exceedingly valuable one. It opens with an interesting paper by Prof. J. D. DANA, on the origin of prairies. Among the other subjects discussed are Experiments in Mechanical Polarity, by Mr. PLINEY E. CHASE; Nitrates of Iron, by J. E. ORDWAY; Notices of Earthquakes; Indications of a Northward Transportation of Drift Materials in the Lower Peninsula of Michigan, by Prof. WINCHELL, &c., &c. Also the usual scientific reviews and general summary.

The Messrs. WOODWARD publish, in one well-bound volume, the twelve numbers of the *Horticulturist* for 1865. It contains much matter of interest to the suburban resident, which is more accessible in the present form than in the monthly pamphlet issue.

Books Received.

HANS BRINKER, or The Silver Skates. A story of Life in Holland. By M. E. DODGE, author of the "Irvington Stories." Illustrated by F. O. C. DARLEY and THOMAS NAST. 12mo, pp. 347. JAMES O'KANE, New-York.

POEMS. By ROBERT BUCHANAN. 12mo, pp. 311. ROBERTS BROTHERS, Boston.

DAISY SWAIN, The Flower of Shenandoah. A Tale of the Rebellion. By JOHN M. DAGNALL. Illustrated. 12mo, pp. 167. M. DAGNALL, Brooklyn.

THE MEDITERRANEAN ISLANDS: Sketches and Stories of their Scenery, Customs, History, Painters, &c. By M. G. SLEEPER. With illustrations. 12mo, pp. 277. GOULD & LINCOLN, Boston.

WINNING HIS WAY. By CHARLES CARLETON COFFIN. 16mo. pp. 258. TICKNOR & FIELDS, Boston.

WINIFRED BERTRAM and the World She Lived In. By the author of the "Schönberg-Cotta Family." 12mo. pp. 579. M. W. DOD, New-York.

A MANUAL OF CHEMISTRY, on the basis of Turner's Elements of Chemistry; containing, in a condensed form, all the most important facts and principles of the science. Seventh revised edition. By JOHN JOHNSTON, M.D. 12mo, pp. 528. CHARLES DESILVER, Philadelphia.

POEMS. By GAY H. NARAMORE. Second and enlarged edition. 16mo, pp. 198. CARLETON, New-York.

ZOE, or The Martel Papers; a Manuscript of the Conciergerie. 12mo, pp. 468. SHELDON & Co., New-York.

THE UNITED STATES LAW REGISTER for the year 1866; containing the names and places of residence of all Lawyers in the United States and Territories, &c., &c. By JOHN LIVINGSTON, of the New-York Bar. 8vo., pp. 300. Published by subscription, at No. 128 Broadway, New-York.

DICTIONARY OF THE NOTED NAMES OF FICTION, including, also, Familiar Pseudonyms, surnames bestowed on eminent men, and analogous popular appellations often referred to in literature and conversation. By WILLIAM A. WHEELER. 12mo, pp. 410. TICKNOR & FIELDS, Boston.

THE BOOK OF PERFUMES. By EUGENE RIMMEL. With above 100 illustrations, by BOURDELIN, THOMAS, &c. 12mo, pp. 264. CHAPMAN & HALL, London; R. W. JOHNSTON & Co., New York.

THE LIFE AND PUBLIC SERVICES OF SAMUEL ADAMS; being a Narrative of his Acts and Opinions, and of his agency in producing and forwarding the American Revolution. With Extracts from his Correspondence, State Papers and Political Essays. By WILLIAM V. WELLS. Three volumes, 8vo. With Portrait. LITTLE, BROWN & Co., Boston.

THE WORKS OF THE RIGHT HONORABLE EDMUND BURKE. Revised Edition. Vol. III. 16mo, pp. 563. LITTLE, BROWN & Co., Boston.

THE REBELLION RECORD, a Diary of American Events. Part LII. Illustrated. D. VAN NOSTRAND, New-York.

THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT LINCOLN, and the Trial of the Conspirators. Compiled and arranged by BENN. PITMAN, Recorder to the Commission. 8vo. pp. 421. MOORE, WILSTACH & BALDWIN, New-York.

THE NATIONAL QUARTERLY REVIEW, Edited by EDWIN J. SEARS. December, 1865. E. J. SEARS, New-York.

COMMON SENSE, a novel by the author of "Kate Kennedy," "Wonderous Strange," &c., 8vo. pp. 131. FREDERIC A. BRADY, New-York.

HULTON HOUSE AND ITS INMATES, by the author of the "Hen-Pecked Husband," &c. 8vo., pp. 168. FREDERIC A. BRADY, New-York.

VANITY FAIR, a Novel Without a Hero, by WILLIAM MAKEPEACE TACKERAY, with illustrations by the author. 3 vols., 12mo. HARPER & BROTHERS, New-York.

AMUSEMENTS.

The generally ample and sometimes superfluous area of the Academy of Music was taxed to its greatest capacity on Saturday evening, when the return of the Bateman concert troupe enabled Mlle. PAREPA, Mr. J. LEVY and Herr ROSA to be heard once more in that establishment. These excellent artists have just come back from a highly successful trip in the West and the East. It must have been gratifying to them to find that this not too faithful public remembered them, and reëchoed much of the enthusiasm of more demonstrative quarters.

Mlle. PAREPA's fine voice, however, displayed evident traces of fatigue. The cavatina from "Norma" was unsteadily given, and with a degree of effort which was ill rewarded by the result. In this piece the lady has excited the most lively applause, and we have no doubt has deserved it. We may, perhaps, on some future occasion, be able to add our mite to the general tribute. There is, however, no opportunity of doing so now. Mlle. PAREPA's remaining pieces were the "Nightingale's Trill," by GANZ; the "Alpenhorn," by PROCH, and the Scotch ballad of "Comin' Through the Rye." These *morceaux* are good enough in their way, and were hugely enjoyed, but they do not tempt criticism. It will suffice that Mdlle. PAREPA recovered her voice, and sang the trifles with effect—her best effort being an *encore* piece called "Five o'clock in the Morning."

Mr. J. LEVY, the cornet-player, was heard to unusual advantage. The fullness and quality of the tone which he produces from his instrument are indeed delightful, and his delivery of a melody is thoroughly vocal. Mr. LEVY's execution is both remarkable and peculiar. The extremes of his style were vigorously illustrated in the introduction to HARTMANN's "Alexis" solo, where the grandeur and freedom of his tone were surprisingly fine; and in the "Excelsior Polka," where Mr. LEVY's "tonguing" feats lend brilliancy and emphasis to a fair dance tune. The gentleman was warmly and deservedly applauded. He received two *encores* and played a couple of ballads.

Herr CARL ROSA has gained strength and *étan* in his travels, returning to us much riper as an artist than when he left. Both solos performed by him exhibited correct artistic feeling, good execution and tone.

Mr. S. B. MILLS was the solo-pianist, and played two *morceaux* with superb effect. The "Rakosy March" was *encored*, a just tribute to its exceeding brilliancy and the conscientious performance of Mr. MILLS, who has no superior as an interpreter of LISTZ's music. Mr. CARL ANSCHUTZ presided in the orchestra with his accustomed ability. It is always a pleasure to see this admirable musician with his *baton* in his hand. It is a guarantee that nothing will go wrong.

The second concert takes place to-night, when Mlle. PAREPA will sing four pieces. The programme is unusually varied, and it will undoubtedly attract another fashionable and crowded audience.

Mr. BOOTH's engagement at the Winter Garden has opened most auspiciously. The best "houses" in the city are attracted thither by the gentleman's fine rendering of *Hamlet*. We are glad to hear that this tragedy will in due time be withdrawn to make way for "Richelieu," the most elaborate and costly stage production of the age.

Mr. J. E. OWENS, the comedian, makes his *rentrée* at the Broadway Theatre to-night. He has procured a new version of the "People's Lawyer," in which the character of *Solon Shingle* is carefully preserved, while the other actors are relieved from their unhappy condition of comparative idiocy. A new play and an old friend will be presented to-night, and both will, we are sure, be received with a hearty welcome.

Miss KATE BATEMAN is now on her way to America, and will arrive here by the *Scotia*. The beautiful young tragedienne appears at Niblo's Garden on Monday next—resuming her fine personation of the Jewish maiden *Leah*, in the romantic drama of that name. Miss BATEMAN has always been a favorite of our public, and a hearty reception will certainly be extended to her on the occasion of her reappearance. The box office for the sale of seats opens this morning.

Miss LUCILLE WESTERN will bring her engagement to an end on Saturday evening—playing until then in "East Lynne."

Mr. WALLACK's new drama of "Henry Dunbar" is to be brought out on Wednesday next—the principal *rôle* being played by Mr. J. W. WALLACK. To-night, "Love's Sacrifice" will be repeated, and to-morrow, for the last time, "Lost in London."

At the Olympic Theatre, the grand spectacular drama of "Monte Cristo"—the scenic illusions in which are remarkable not only for their picturesqueness, but for the mechanical precision with which they are worked—is still the all-sufficient attraction. It is a splendid holiday piece, and will more than repay a visit.

The members of the new French company will give an operatic performance at the Academy of Music, on Wednesday evening next, when Mlle. NADDIE, Mlle. AYOSIO and MONS. ARMAND will make their respective *debuts* in "L'Eclair" and "Les Noces de Jeannette." The same bill will be given in Brooklyn on Tuesday night.

The announcements elsewhere are as follows: At Miss LUCY RUSHTON's Theatre the "Honeymoon" and "A Man Without a Head." At BARNUM's Museum there are performances dramatic and equestrian twice a day, in addition to three immense giants, three dwarfs, two Circassian girls, a snake-charmer, a fat woman, a living skeleton and other attractions too numerous to mention in anything except an advertisement. At the New-York Circus there is another change of programme, and here also two performances will be given daily. Mr. ROBINSON's remarkable act on the bare back of a steed is still a leading feature of the bill. At the New Bowery Theatre a drama will be brought out for the first time, called, "Blue Lights; or, the Devil's Hall." Two other attractive pieces are also on the bill. At FOX's Old Bowery Theatre Miss FANNY HERRING is still the "star," and will appear to-night in the "Rag Woman and Her Dogs." At the American Theatre, No. 444 Broadway, several new artists will make their *debuts* in a variety of sparkling and brilliant pieces. At BRYANT's the new vocalist, Mr. CHARLES HENRY, will sing several of his delightful ballads, and Mr. DAN BRYANT will make a stump speech. There are plenty of other things to enjoy at this excellent establishment.

The Fine Arts.

NEW STATUARY.—On Friday, Mr. WILLIAM WALCUTT threw open his studio, which has been closed for some weeks to the public, on the completion of a new work of very positive excellence. Mr. WALCUTT so distinguished himself by his magnificent statue of Commodore PERRY, erected at Cleveland, Ohio, that any public work of his cannot do otherwise than excite general curiosity. The work now completed is a statuette, worthy of the best bronze or marble, of Miss LACOSTE as *Virginia*, the Roman soldier's martyred daughter. The sculptor has taken this statuette from one of the situations in the new tragedy about to be produced, in which Miss LACOSTE will appear. It is in a scene of the fourth act where *Virginia*, who was about to be married, losing her affianced by treachery, is herself expecting to be sworn into slavery. She takes leave of her household gods, of her hearth, her "treasured chair," the sacred room devoted to her mother's memory, and to the bridal-dress, and ornaments with which she seems destined to part. She holds lightly in her right hand the bridal wreath, near to which has slid down upon the wrist the end of her mantle, depending from the back of the left shoulder. This piece of drapery is elaborately and delicately modeled, and is in harmony with the finish of the entire statue. The drapery of the robe, which is very long and caught up so as to form a tunic below the waist is equally full in its elaborateness and the richness of its folds, and above the waist and across the bust the same minuteness of detail has been observed. The figure itself is very beautiful. The lines are finely designed, and the whole form seems instinct with life and expression. The head is bent back, with an expression of pain on the face in harmony with the sentiment of the scene, and the left hand is raised before the breast, indicative of the depth of *Virginia's* emotion and sorrow. The head is beautifully modeled. The hair is turned off from the temples, and in the simplest manner is run into a braid at the back of the head, where a golden arrow confines it in a knot or ring. The portrait is perfect. Indeed, the whole statue is a faithful representation of the original, and reflects the highest credit upon American art.

MEXICO.

NEWS FROM CHIHUAHUA.

President Juarez Begins his Second Term—Gen. Regules made Commander-in-Chief of the Central Army—Mejia, Alvarez, Carvajal, and others made Major-Generals.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Jan. 7.

Official news from the City of Chihuahua up to Dec. 2 has been received here. President JUAREZ had entered upon his new term without any opposition with exception that one General made a protest against the extension of the term and went over to the French side. Gen. REGULES, a very successful officer, had been appointed General-in-Chief of the Central Army, in place of the lamented Gen. ARTEAGA, who was assassinated by order of MAXIMILIAN. Gens. Ignacio Mejia, Epelacio Nueta, Nicolas Regules, Diego Alvarez and Josef Carvajal had been promoted to be Major-Generals, for patriotic and meritorious services. An unfounded rumor prevailed at Chihuahua that the French would return to that place.

WRECK OF THE STEAMSHIP INDIAN RIVER.

No Lives Lost—Suffering of the Crew from Exposure in Open Boats.

The steamship *Zodiac*, which arrived at this port last evening from Savannah, brought on a portion of the crew of the steamship *Indian River*, which went ashore at the mouth of the Indian River. No lives lost. The crew comprised a colony of 60 odd men, in charge of Mr. THOMAS D. CAULDVIELD. They went out for the purpose of settling at that point, and putting up fish, turtles, &c., for Northern markets.

Mr. CAULDVIELD reports having experienced untold hardships — exposed in open boats up the river, and traveling over land through swamps at places up to their waists in mud and water. When they reached Enterprise they crossed the lake to Fort Reed, where they were kindly received, and every attention shown them by Lieut. ROGERS, who is commanding the fort.

THE WHALING FLEET.

List of Arrivals and Departures from the Port of Honolulu.

SAN FRANCISCO, Saturday, Jan. 6.

The following American whaleships arrived at Honolulu Nov. 16: *Taboga*, Capt. FISHER, from the Arctic Ocean, with 90 bbls. sperm and 1,000 bbls. whale oils and 12,000 lbs. bone; *California*, Capt. CLEVELAND, from the Arctic Ocean, with 900 bbls. whale oil and 19,000 lbs. bone; *Mt. Wollaston*, Capt. WILLIS, from the Arctic Ocean, with 1,000 bbls. whale oil and 12,000 lbs. bone. Nov. 18, *George Howland*, Capt. JONES, from the Arctic Ocean, with 1,100 bbls. whale oil and 18,000 lbs. bone.

The following sailed from Honolulu: Nov. 18, *California*, Capt. CLEVELAND, for a cruise and home; *Eliza Adams*, Capt. FISH, for a cruise; *Congress*, Capt. EASTON, for a cruise; Nov. 25, *Florida*, Capt. FORDHAM, for a cruise; Nov. 28, *Jireh Perry*, Capt. HALSEY, for a cruise; *Reindeer*, Capt. RAYNOR, for a cruise; *Josephine*, Capt. CHAPMAN, for a cruise; Dec. 2, *Oliver Crocker*, Capt. LADMAN, for a cruise. The American ship *Ceylon*, Capt. WOODS, sailed for New-Bedford Nov. 23.

From New-Orleans.

NEW-ORLEANS, Saturday, Jan. 6.

Cotton is dull and declining; sales, 2,500 bales; 49c.@50c. for Middling. Gold, 142½. Sterling Exchange, 52½.

The *Picayune* learns from a gentleman lately from the interior of the State that the freedmen positively refuse to make new contracts, go to work or leave the plantations.

This is their reply to the owners of several large plantations, where the freedmen were comfortably located and where it was thought they were entirely contented. They were respectful and peaceful. They allege, as a reason, that they expect a new proclamation that will materially benefit their condition.

The river continues to rise.

Fire in Rutland, Vermont.

RUTLAND, VT., Sunday, Jan. 7.

A fire broke out last night in C. F. RICHARDSON's livery stable, adjacent to the Rutland *Herald* building. The horses, carriages and sleighs were saved, but the building was consumed. The *Herald* building and surrounding buildings were not injured. Loss $30,000, insured in the North American office.

The thermometer stood this morning twenty degrees below zero.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Jan. 7.

THE COMMITTEE ON RECONSTRUCTION.

The Joint Committee on Reconstruction held their first meeting yesterday morning, in one of the Senate committee rooms, and organized by the election of Senator FESSENDEN, who is Chairman of the Senate branch of the committee, as Chairman of deliberations of the Joint Committee. It is understood that no business was done beyond the organization of the committee, as the attendance was not full, and an adjournment was had until Tuesday next.

THE TRIBE OF THE SIX NATIONS AND THEIR KANSAS RESERVATIONS.

A petition is now pending before the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Judge D. N. COOLEY, from the New-York Indians, in regard to their Kansas reservation. The first treaty liquidated all the rights of these Indians, and reserved to them 500,000 acres of land at Green Bay, Wisconsin. They were to remove within three years. A portion of them did remove. These lands became very valuable. Large emigration West made it desirable to extinguish the Indian title, and make them part of the public domain. In 1838 a treaty was made, by which the New-York Indians ceded all their interest in the Wisconsin reservation, and, in consideration thereof, the United States cede to them the Kansas lands, the Indians to forfeit all interest in the lands if they do not accept and agree to remove to the country set apart for their new home within five years, or such other time as the President may from time to time appoint. It was also provided that $400,000 should be appropriated to aid in the removal. The Indians claim that this appropriation was never made, and no notice to remove was ever given; and they argue that as a mere legal proposition no forfeiture of their title has happened, and that by a subsequent treaty the time of removal is extended, and all forfeiture waived, if any had in fact happened. And further, that the department, in several instances in effect, recognized the claim and title of the New-York Indians. During the first session of the Thirty-sixth Congress, however, it is claimed that JACOB THOMPSON, the then Secretary of the Interior, for political ends, sought to appropriate these Kansas lands to the use of the government, and a bill was accordingly introduced in the Senate, forfeiting the title to the United States. The bill failed. The Secretary, THOMPSON, afterward, without authority of law, as is alleged, and without notice to the Indians, surveyed this reserve, and made it a part of the public domain, subject to private entry; and one-third to one-half of this reservation has been sold and patented by the United States at $10 per acre. Last Winter the New-York Indians made application for the appointment of a commissioner to negotiate a settlement of their claim for indemnity, and upon a memorial from the Representatives in Congress from New-York, a commissioner was appointed. The Indians now insist that this claim should be promptly adjusted on a fair, just and liberal basis. The petitioners also aver that the United States have realized a large sum of money from sales of the Wisconsin reservation, a portion of it having been sold for $10 per acre, and the avails have been in the Treasury for twenty years. The question now under consideration by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs is, whether—a previous Secretary (THOMPSON) having decided that the Kansas lands belong to the government, and these lands having been brought into the market—the present Secretary is not precluded from action in the premises, and whether, therefore, the claimants must not seek their remedy before Congress. In the meantime it is represented that a person claiming to be the agent of one of the Nations included in this Reservation, is in New-York, endeavoring to sell the interest and title of his tribe to the lands in question.

RATIONS TO THE DESTITUTE IN ALABAMA.

Gen. SWAYNE, Commissioner of Freedmen for Alabama, writes that he succeeds in limiting the issue of subsistence to destitute persons of all classes in his District to about 15,000 rations per day. The State Commissioner, appointed by the Legislature for that purpose, reported destitute the number of 130,000, white persons alone.

INFORMATION FROM THE SOUTH.

It is probable that the proposition to send a subcommittee to the various Southern States to obtain facts and information, will be reported at an early day. It will meet with strong opposition in the House on the ground that all the information necessary is already at hand, or speedily accessible through the records of the Freedmen's Bureau, the Bureau of Military Justice and other branches of the War Department, not to say anything of the able reports already submitted on the subject, and the very full and impartial accounts of the condition of the South as given by the leading journals of the country from their able special correspondents. Beside, the appointment of such a committee would involve further and needless delay.

NO MORE WHITE TROOPS IN VIRGINIA.

The last order of the War Department, mustering out volunteer troops, relieves Virginia of all white volunteer troops and officers,

RESIGNATION OF MR. HANSCOM.

W. HANSCOM, United States Naval Constructor and builder of the *Monadnock* and other celebrated vessels of war, has sent his resignation to the Secretary of the Navy, and the same was accepted yesterday.

THE MEMORIAL TO PRESIDENT LINCOLN.

Mr. STANTON has notified the Select Committee of Congress on the death of President LINCOLN, that he will be unable to accept the invitation to deliver the oration before Congress on the occasion of the memorial services. It is stated that several members of the committee originally favored and intended to present the name of GEORGE BANCROFT, the eminent historian, and that now he will be invited to take the place of Mr. STANTON.

WORK OF THE OHIO STATE AGENCY.

During the year just closed, the Ohio State Agency in this city, under the superintendence of JAMES C. WETMORE, Esq., has collected at the Paymaster-General's and at the United States Treasury, for individual Ohio officers and soldiers discharged the service, and for soldiers' families and citizens of Ohio, and remitted free of cost to them, $965,862 80.

INDIAN DELEGATIONS.

At noon, yesterday, the representatives of four tribes of Indians, the Shawnees, Sac, Fox and Iowas, were received by the President in the Library Room of the Executive Mansion. The Indians, including their interpreters, numbered sixteen. They were severally introduced to Mr. JOHNSON by Judge COOLEY, Commissioner of Indian Affairs. They called upon their Great Father, they said, to pay their respects, and give assurances of their loyalty and good feeling. The President informed them that he was glad to see them, and they might take to their people his assurance that the government would act with them in good faith, and carry out all its obligations to their several Nations. In response each of the sturdy Chiefs gave the President's hand a convulsive jerk, accompanied by a guttural grunt, which, according to the interpreter, means "I am glad." They were not apparently much affected toward the furniture and surroundings of the White House, looking upon the whole thing with evident contempt until they espied a chair in the library, made up principally of the skin, head and bones of a huge deer, and heretofore presented to the President by SETH KINMAN. The Indians took to this curiosity with great satisfaction.

RESPECTFULLY REFUSED.

A. O. P. NICHOLSON, former Senator in Congress from Tennessee, having made application for his compensation between the time he left the Senate in 1861 to the period of his expulsion, his petition has been refused by the Secretary of the Senate.

NAVAL AFFAIRS.

The Navy Department has ordered a board to meet at the New-York Navy-yard on the 7th of February for the examination of applicants for the office of Assistant Naval Constructor in the naval service. The board is composed of Naval Constructors S. M. POOK, B. D. DELANO and EDWARD HABTT.

SOUTHERN LIGHTHOUSES.

It will require $2,000,000 to reëstablish the lighthouses on the Southern coast destroyed by the rebels.

SMUGGLING ABANDONED.

Advices received by the Acting Commissioner of Customs represent that the smuggling business has been to a great extent abandoned.

HUNTING FOR PLACES.

During last week over four hundred applications for clerical appointments were received at the Treasury.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

The Reassembling of Congress—Polygamy and the Monroe Doctrine—The Last News from the Rio Grande—Prospects of the Freedmen's Bureau—A Demoralized General in Texas.

From Our Own Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Jan. 5, 1866.

Neither House of Congress to-day had a quorum, and no business was done beyond the introduction of certain bills and resolutions. The political effervescence of the members, which always finds vent in "buncombe" resolutions at the beginning of the session, has not yet subsided; and, consequently, now that slavery is an unsavory carcass, poor Polygamy and the everlasting Monroe Doctrine "catch it" day after day. These resolutions are read, of course, get on to the journal, perhaps appear in full in the newspapers, and then go to the appropriate committees, which is very much like making cigar-lights of them, for they are seldom or never heard of afterward, and the end is "smoke."

But while our Solons here are talking about the Monroe Doctrine, and printing furious resolves, down on the Rio Grande there seems to be some "smoke" which smells of powder—or soon will. The dispatches of to-day, which came from that inevitable Brownsville correspondent of the New-Orleans *Times*, and must therefore be taken *cum grano salis*, announces the arrival of Col. R. CLAY CRAWFORD, with a commission as General in the Mexican army and "authority to recruit a division." That's practical business and means something, if true—which it may be or not. It depends very much on how often the aforesaid correspondent has been "seen" by CRAWFORD, and the quality and quantity of the aforesaid CRAWFORD's whisky. But of Colonel, or now, rather, Gen. CRAWFORD—since his command must certainly be equal to a regiment of veteran reserves—let me say that he quite likely means business, and his antecedents do not place him in the catalogue of adventurers. He hails from the State of Tennessee, has seen service in the Union army as Colonel of the First Tennessee Artillery, which regiment was formed when President JOHNSON was Military Governor of that State, and to whom "General" CRAWFORD is well known. Secretary SEWARD *may* have business down there, but it looks more like business for a Secretary of *War*.

The necessity for enlarging the powers of the Freedmen's Bureau becomes every day more apparent, and every day brings with it the evidence that it is the only necessary, and, at the same time, the best and most practicable protection to the freedmen in their present condition. Because of the very magnitude of the subject with which it deals, it is not possible to avert some abuses, but as the working of the bureau progresses, these are ascertained and corrected, and it becomes the only power that can exert at the same time a military and a civil jurisdiction, and operate, therefore, as a check upon the social and political prejudices of the whites, and the indolent and vicious tendencies of the blacks. The management of the bureau in some of the Southern States, especially in Alabama, has been the only means by which fair legislation toward freedmen has even been *extorted* from the Legislature of that State. Gen. SWAYNE, the assistant commissioner of that State, informed the authorities, in effect, that it the Legislature did not pass laws which would protect the freedmen in their civil rights, his courts must exercise that privilege until they did. And it is now quite probable that the Legislature will pass laws which will, in all matters affecting civil rights, treat all persons alike, without regard to color.

An evening paper here and several journals elsewhere have recently published a statement in regard to the demoralized conduct of a prominent official, now in Texas, "who served with distinction under SHERIDAN in the valley." No names are mentioned, and all the officers who served gallantly with SHERIDAN in the valley suffer thereby from implication. It is therefore proper to state that the charges are drunkenness, demoralization and disloyal and treasonable language uttered while drunk; that the charges are signed by thirty-five officers serving under Gen. SHERIDAN; that they are now in the hands of the Chairman of the Military Committee of the Senate, with a view to defeat the confirmation of the said General officer's promotion, and that the name of the said officer is Major-Gen. MERRITT. CYMON.

HEAVY ROBBERY.

The Safes of the Adams' Express Company on the New-Haven Railroad Plundered of Fifty Thousand Dollars.

BOSTON, Sunday, Jan. 7.

The safe of ADAMS' Express Company was opened last night on the train between New-York and New Haven, and robbed of a large sum of money. We have no particulars.

NOTICE BY THE AGENT OF THE COMPANY.

NEW-HAVEN, Jan. 7.

To the Agent of the Associated Press:

The safes of the Adams Express Company en route from New-York to Boston, on Saturday night, Jan. 6, were rifled of all their contents, with the exception of two parcels, which the thieves in their hurry overlooked. The extent of the loss has not yet been ascertained, but is supposed to be not less than half a million of dollars in money and bonds.

H. SANFORD, Superintendent Adams Express.

FURTHER PARTICULARS.

NEW HAVEN, Sunday, Jan. 7.

The value of the amount stolen from the iron car of the Adams Express Company on the Boston mail train on Saturday night was, as near as can be ascertained at present, about $50,000. The car was probably entered while at the depot in New-York. The thieves pried off the lock on one door of the car, also the locks to two of ADAMS & Co.'s safes. Eighty thousand dollars in greenbacks and sixty thousand dollars in government notes were left by the thieves on the floor of the car. They got out with their plunder at Coscob Bridge.

Officials of the company are here investigating matters. The robbery was not discovered until the arrival of the train at this city.

Nashville Cotton Product.

NASHVILLE, Sunday, Jan. 7.

Cotton steady at 42c. for Middling. There is a better feeling, though there is no improvement in quotations. There is more demand to-day.

The river is still falling; the water on the shoals is eight feet deep.

Movements of Ocean Steamers—No Signs of the Canada.

HALIFAX, Sunday, Jan. 7—10 P. M.

There are no signs of the steamer *Canada*.

PORTLAND, Sunday, Jan. 7.

The *Peruvian* sailed for Liverpool at 2 o'clock this morning.

Baltimore and Liverpool.

BALTIMORE, Sunday, Jan. 7.

The steamer *Somerset*, of the regular line, sailed for Liverpool yesterday with a large and very valuable cargo.

From the Polylingual Journal.

We referred in a former issue to the great improvement in setting artificial teeth, introduced by one of our most distinguished dentists, Dr. M. LEVETT, No. 777 Broadway. It is described as much more comfortable and serviceable than the usual plate. We have had an opportunity of seeing it tried for some months, and recommend it with great pleasure as a most valuable invention.—*Advertisement.*

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JANUARY INTEREST FOR 1866.—THE Board of Trustees of this institution have declared a dividend of interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum on all sums of $500 and under, and of Four per cent. on deposits over $500, free from government tax, be allowed to all depositors entitled thereto, payable on and after MONDAY, Jan. 15, next. All interest not drawn will draw interest from Jan. 1 as principal.

H. F. WHEELWRIGHT, President.

JOHN S. DICKERSON, } Secretaries.
JAMES BRYCE, }

OFFICE OF THE DRY DOCK, EAST BROADWAY AND BATTERY RAILROAD CO., 14th-st., between Avenues A and B, NEW-YORK, Dec. 29, 1865.

ELECTION.—THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR Directors of the Company, and for Inspectors for the next ensuing election, will be held at this office, on the 2d January proximo.

Polls open between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

A. B. HODGES, Secretary.

OFFICE OF TARSHISH SILVER MINING COMPANY, No. 30 BROADWAY, Dec. 27, 1865.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of this company for the election of Trustees, will be held at the office of the company on MONDAY, Jan. 8, next, from 12 to 1 P. M.

ALFRED A. POST, Secretary.

MILL CREEK OIL COMPANY, No. 77 Cedar-st.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of this Company for the election of Trustees and for the transaction of other business, will be held at the office of the Company on TUESDAY, Jan. 9 next, from 1 to 2 o'clock P. M.

W. B. HOYT, Secretary.

THE NATIONAL PARK BANK OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1866.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of this Bank, and for Inspectors of the next ensuing election, will be held at the Banking-house on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

JAMES L. WORTH, Cashier.

IMPORTERS' AND TRADERS' NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1866.

AN ELECTION OF DIRECTORS OF this Bank, and also of Inspectors of Election, will be held on the second TUESDAY of this month, at the banking-house of this bank. The poll will be open at 12 M., and close at 1 P. M.

JAMES BUELL, President.

SEVENTH WARD NATIONAL BANK OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1865.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of this bank will be held at the banking-house on TUESDAY, Jan. 9, 1866, from 1 until 2 o'clock P. M.

G. MONTAGUE, Cashier.

A MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF Trustees of the Rock Bottom Oil Company for the ensuing year, and three inspectors, will be held at the office of the company, No. 20 Cliff-st. (up stairs,) on TUESDAY, Jan. 16, 1866, from 12 M. to 2 P. M.

WM. H. WALBRIDGE, Secretary.

JAN. 8, 1866.

OFFICE OF THE KENTUCKY BOURBON CO., No. 80 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1865.

A MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of this Company for the election of directors and the transaction of other business, will be held at the office, No. 80 Broadway, New-York, on MONDAY, Jan. 8, 1866, at 11 o'clock A. M.

O. H. SANBORN, President.

OFFICE OF NEW-YORK SILVER MINING COMPANY, No. 30 BROADWAY, Jan. 5, 1866.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of this company for the election of trustees, will be held at the office of the company on TUESDAY, the 16th inst., from 12 to 1 P. M.

S. R. HUTCHINSON, Secretary.

AN ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF THE Mendham Gold Mining Company will be held at their office, No. 1,361 Broadway, Jan. 8, 1866, from 11 A. M. to 6 o'clock P. M. By order of the Board of Trustees.

HARVEY BAKER, Secretary.

NEW-YORK COUNTY NATIONAL BANK, Jan. 2, 1866.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of this bank will be held on TUESDAY, the 9th inst., between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock.

J. G. OGDEN, Cashier.

THE MARKET NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1865.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIrectors of this Bank will be held at the banking-house on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January next, from 12 M. until 1 o'clock P. M.

H. GILBERT, Cashier.

THE CHATHAM NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 4, 1865.

AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS OF this association will be held at the banking-room, on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M. By order of the board.

O. H. SCHREINER, Cashier.

NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the UNION TRUST COMPANY of New-York, will be held at the office of the company, No. 9 Broadway, on TUESDAY, the 16th day of January, 1866, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M., for the election of ten Trustees, to supply the place of those whose terms of office then expire.

W. F. ALDRICH, Secretary.

Dated Jan. 4, 1866.

THE TRADESMEN'S NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 22, 1865.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors will be held on TUESDAY, January 9, 1866, from 12 M. to 2 P. M.

ANTHONY HALSEY, Cashier.

AN ELECTION FOR SEVEN TRUSTEES OF THE PHELPS AND GILMORE GOLD MINING COMPANY will be held at their office, Nos. 23 and 25 Nassau-st., New-York, on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 10, 1866, at 12 o'clock noon. The transfer books will be closed from the 8th to the 10th of January, inclusive.

W. H. STURDEVANT, Acting Secretary.

CAUTION.—A CHECK; DATED NOV. 16, 1865, signed by Charles Amory, Treasurer, for two thousand dollars, ($2,000) in favor of Esther S. Green, on the National National Bank, New-York, having been lost or stolen from the mail, payment of the same has been stopped. All persons are cautioned against negotiating said check.—BOSTON, Jan. 1, 1866.

LOST—A CERTIFICATE FOR 100 SHARES of STOCK of SILVER MINING COMPANY, No. 4,134, in the name of Isaac H. Reed. Notice is hereby given that same must be shown why a new certificate should not be issued therefor.

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CORN EXCHANGE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 157 BROADWAY.

AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION HELD on the 1st inst., the following gentlemen were elected Directors:

J. D. SPARKMAN,	WM. MILLER,
DAVID DOWS,	EBEN SUTTON,
J. H. HERRICK,	FREDK. SHEAD,
M. W. LEAVENS,	RALPH MEAD,
WM. K. BELCHER,	E. B. LIVERMORE,
WM. J. SCHENCK,	JOHN M. FURMAN,
JOHN S. ROBERTS,	W. R. FOSTER,
JOHN W. HAIT,	HENRY BRUNER,
JOSIAH M. FISKE,	ROBERT R. WILLETS,
O. H. P. BRANDRETH,	HENRY FUSCH,
S. D. HARRISON,	GEORGE B. DOUGLASS,
JOHN M. WHITE,	GEORGE DAYTON,
GEORGE ELDER,	GEORGE IS. SENT,
E. F. WOOD,	F. B. O'CONNOR,
THOMAS T. STURGES,	G. B. POWELL,
A. F. OCKERHAUSEN,	JOHN S. LIVINGSTON,
G. H. VAN ALLEN,	C. H. LUDINGTON,
A. HAVEMEYER,	E. J. LOWBER.
T. C. T. BUCKLEY,	JAMES K. PLACE,
G. W. VAN BOSKERCK,	A. WYCKOFF,
T. W. GRIFFIN,	R. F. MASON.

And at a subsequent meeting held this day, R. F MASON was unanimously elected President, and J. D. PARKMAN, Vice-President.

W. H. WINDSOR, Secretary.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 3, 1866.

DESIGNATED DEPOSITORY OF THE UNITED STATES.

THIRD NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 6, 1865.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank, for the election of directors, will be held at their banking-house on the second TUESDAY in January next. By order of the board.

J. C. MARSELLUS, Assistant Cashier.

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OFFICE OF MUSK-RAT RUN PETROLEUM COMPANY, No. 11 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 25, 1865.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of Musk-rat Run Petroleum Company, of Venango County, Penn., for the election of a Board of Directors to serve during the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may legally come before the meeting, will be held at this office, on TUESDAY, Jan. 9, 1866, at 11 o'clock A. M.

The polls will be open from 11 A. M. to 12 M.

W. J. YOUNG, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE NEW-YORK AND PHILADELPHIA PETROLEUM COMPANY, No. 19 BROAD-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 15, 1865.

A MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of the New-York and Philadelphia Petroleum Company will be held at their office, at 12 o'clock M., Jan. 15, 1866, for the purpose of reducing their capital stock from $1,500,000 to $600,000.

EDMUND C. STEDMAN, ALBERT H. NICOLAY, HENRY C. FISHER, CHARLES E. CLARKE, JR., H. G. LEISENRING,	Majority Trustees.

MISSISSIPPI AND MISSOURI RAILROAD COMPANY.—The stockholders and bondholders of the Mississippi and Missouri Railroad Company are hereby requested to deposit the stock and bonds held by them without delay with the Union Trust Company, No. 73 Broadway, in conformity with the resolution passed at the meeting of 20th October last.

GEO. W. STANTON, 3d., JOHN ELLIOTT, B. WILSON,	Committee.

FOURTH NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, DEC. 27 AND 29 PINE-ST.

THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING of the shareholders of this bank for the election of nine Directors and three Inspectors of Election, to serve the ensuing year, will be held at their banking-house, as above, on the second TUESDAY of January next, (9th prox., at 12 o'clock noon, and closing at 1 o'clock P. M.

B. SEAMAN, Cashier.

NEW-YORK, 8th December, 1865.

THE NATIONAL MECHANICS' BANKING ASSOCIATION OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 5, 1865.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of this bank, for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking-house in Wall-st., on MONDAY, the 8th day of January next, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock P. M.

F. CHANDLER, Cashier.

METROPOLITAN NATIONAL BANK, No. 128 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 15, 1865.

ELECTION.—THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR Directors of the Metropolitan National Bank will be held on TUESDAY, 9th January proximo.

The poll will open at 12 M. and close at 1 P. M.

GEORGE I. SENEY, Cashier.

THE NATIONAL CITIZENS' BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1865.

AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS OF this Bank will be held at the Banking-room, on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January next. Polls open from 12 to 1 o'clock, P. M.

W. H. OAKLEY, Cashier.

NATIONAL BROADWAY BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1865.

ELECTION.—THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR Directors of this bank, and for inspectors of the next ensuing election, will be held at the banking-house on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January proximo, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 o'clock P. M.

J. L. EVERITT, Cashier.

OFFICE OF TARENTUM OIL, SALT AND COAL COMPANY, No. 66 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1866.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of this company will be held at the company's office on TUESDAY, 9th inst., at 1 P. M., for business connected with the further development of company and property.

By order of the Board of Trustees.

SAMUEL TIEBOUT, Secretary.

THE BANK OF NEW-YORK, NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION, NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1865.

AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS OF this bank will be held at the banking room on TUESDAY, the 9th of January next, from 12 M. until 1 o'clock P. M.

W. R. MERKER, Cashier.

PACIFIC NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 23, 1865.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR THIRteen Directors of this Bank will be held at their banking-house, TUESDAY, the 9th day of January next, between the hours of 12 o'clock M. and 1 o'clock P. M. By order of the Board,

R. BUCK, Cashier.

OFFICE OF RELIEF FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 156 BROADWAY, Dec. 29, 1865.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Company will be held at their office, No. 8 Wall-st., on TUESDAY, Jan. 9, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 o'clock P. M.

W. E. CRARY, Secretary.

DEC. 29.

OFFICE OF THE BIGELOW BLUE STONE COMPANY, MALDEN, Ulster County, N. Y., Dec. 26, 1865.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF TRUSTEES of this company and Inspectors of the next election will be held at the office of the company on Monday, the 8th day of January next, between the hours of 1 and 2 o'clock.

H. BOGARDUS, Secretary.

THE CROTON NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 9, 1865.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of this Bank will be held at the banking rooms on Tuesday, January 9, 1866, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

R. M. HEDDEN, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE EAGLE FIRE COMPANY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1865.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of this Company, and for inspectors, will be held at the company's office, No. 71 Wall-st., on TUESDAY, Jan. 9, 1866, commencing at 12 o'clock and closing at 2 o'clock P. M.

A. J. CLINTON, Secretary.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the CONNECTICUT AND NEVADA SILVER MINING COMPANY will be held at the office of the company, No. 47 Liberty-st., New-York, on Tuesday the 9th day of January, at 12½ o'clock P. M., for the election of Trustees for the ensuing year and for the transaction of any other business proper to come before said meeting.

P. G. WHEELOCK, Secretary.

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QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE CONdition of the "NATIONAL BUTCHERS' AND DROVERS' BANK OF NEW-YORK," in New-York, in the State of New-York, on the morning of the first Monday of January, 1866.

RESOURCES.

Notes and bills discounted		$1,259,199 58
Suspended debt		
Indebtedness of Directors	$94,681 97	$1,354,661 53
Overdrafts		1,16. 46
Banking-house		50,000 00
Other real estate		
Furniture and fixtures		
Current expenses		
Taxes paid		
Premiums		
Remittances and other cash items		358 697 62
Due from National Banks		37,305 72
Due from other Banks and Bankers		
U. S. Bonds deposited with U. S. Treasurer to secure circulating notes		270,000 00
U. S. Bonds deposited with U. S. Treasurer to secure deposits		546,000 00
U. S. Bonds on hand		192,400 00
Other securities, New-York State Stock		
Cash on hand in circulating notes of other National Banks	$41,050 00	
Cash on hand in circulating notes of other State Banks	21,422 00	62,472 00
Specie		61,966,95
Other lawful money, viz.:		
Clearing house certificates	$119,000 00	
Legal-tender notes	108,450 00	
Compound interest notes	30,950 00	287,364 00
Total		$3,151,948 30

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$600,000 00
Surplus fund	
Circulating notes received from Comptroller	$204,500 00
Less amount on hand	204,500 00
Amount outstanding	1,679,270 00
Individual deposits	
United States deposits	43,134 00
Dividends unpaid	21,792 87
Due National Banks	22,956 93
Due to other banks and bankers, as follows	24,553 00
Bills re-discounted outstanding	
Discounts	
Exchanges	
Interest	
Profit and loss	180,600 48
Total	$3,151,958 30

I, ROBERT P. PERRIN, Cashier of "The National Butchers' and Drovers' Bank," do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. P. PERRIN, Cashier.

State of New-York, County of New-York—Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 4th day of January, 1866.

G. G. TAYLOR, Commissioner of Deeds.

QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE CONdition of "THE NATIONAL SHOE AND LEATHER BANK," in the State of New-York, on the morning of the first Monday of January, 1866.

RESOURCES.

Notes and bills discounted and call loans	$1,291,057 77
Banking-house	50,000 00
Cash items	1,667,324 80
Due from National Banks	118,230 17
Due from other banks and bankers	8,141 08
U. S. Bonds deposited with U. S. Treasurer to secure circulating notes	801,000 00
Other U. S. securities	271,950 00
Specie Clearing-house certificates and Legal-tender Notes	1,017,877 42
Total	$5,345,561 24

LIABILITIES.

Capital	$1,500,000 00
Circulation	473,298 00
Due deposits and banks	3,120,794 62
Dividends unpaid	77,018 00
Profits	174,453 62
Total	$5,345,561 24

State of New-York, County of New-York—I, W. A. KISSAM, Cashier of "THE NATIONAL SHOE AND LEATHER BANK," New-York, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. A. KISSAM.

Five cent stamp. } Sworn to and subscribed before me, this fifth day of January, 1866.

W. H. BARKER, Notary Public.

RUTGER'S FEMALE INSTITUTE, NEW-YORK, Jan. 4, 1866.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the annual meeting of the stockholders of this institution will be held at the institute, No. 78 East 48th-st., on MONDAY EVENING, Jan. 8, 1866, at 8 o'clock, when the Annual Report will be presented and election held for five trustees. The poll will be open at 8 o'clock and remain open half an hour. By order of the Board of Trustees.

CHARLES CHENEY, Secretary.

THE NATIONAL SHOE AND LEATHER BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 5, 1865.

ELECTION.—THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR fifteen directors of this bank and three inspectors for the following election, will take place at the Banking House, on the SECOND TUESDAY in January ensuing.

The poll will open at 12 M., and close at 1 o'clock, P. M.

By order,

W. A. KISSAM, Cashier.

OFFICE STAR FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, CORNER GREENWICH AND DEY-STS., NORTH RIVER BANK BUILDING, NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1865.

ELECTION.—The annual election for directors of this company will be held at the office on MONDAY, the 8th day of January next, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock P. M.

NICHOLAS C. MILLER, Secretary.

OFFICE OF MONTAUK S. N. COMPANY, No. 111 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1865.

A MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of this company will be held at their office, on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 14, at 2 o'clock P. M., to take into consideration the increase of the capital stock of the company.

CHAS. W. COPELAND, JAMES HOWE. G. SWAN,	Directors.

OFFICE OF THE HOME PETROLEUM COMPANY, No. 52 PINE-ST., NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1866.

DIVIDEND NO. 2.—THE TRUSTEES OF THE HOME PETROLEUM COMPANY have this day declared a Dividend of ONE PER CENT. upon the capital stock of the company, payable Jan. 15, 1866. Transfer books will be closed from Jan. 10 to 15, both days inclusive.

AUSTIN STEVENS, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE BROADWAY INSURANCE CO., No. 158 Broadway, NEW-YORK, Dec. 27, 1865.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF DIRECtors of this company will be held at their office, No. 158 Broadway, on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 17, 1866, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 o'clock P. M.

JOHN WRAY, Secretary.

PHENIX NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 27, 1865.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of this bank, and for inspectors of the next ensuing election, will be held at the banking house, on TUESDAY, the 9th of January proximo. Polls open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.

JOHN PARKER, Cashier.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF DIRECTORS and Inspectors of Election for the Bleecker-st. and Fulton Ferry Railroad Company will take place at the office of the company, in West 14th-st., near 10th-av., in the City of New-York, on THURSDAY, Jan. 18, 1866, polls to open at 12 o'clock noon.

J. ELY, Secretary.

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THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF TRUSTEES for the Gardner Manufacturing Company, will be held at the office of the company, No. 110 Bowery, on TUESDAY, 9th inst. Polls open from 1 to 3 P. M.

JOHN BOWMAN, Secretary.

REMOVAL.—THE OFFICE OF THE GERMANIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY has been removed to their new building, No. 179 Broadway.

DEC. 28, 1865.

DIVIDENDS.

OFFICE OF CENTRAL PETROLEUM COMPANY, No. 8 PINE-ST., Jan. 2, 1866.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CENTRAL PETROLEUM COMPANY have this day declared a cash Dividend of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS, being TWO DOLLARS PER SHARE on the CAPITAL STOCK of the company, payable on the 15th inst. Transfer books will be closed from the 11th to the 15th, both days inclusive.

AUSTIN STEVENS, Secretary.

SIX PER CENT. FREE FROM GOVERNMENT TAX.

THIRD-AVENUE SAVINGS BANK, CORNER 32D-AV. AND 20TH-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1865.

DIVIDEND.—A Semi-annual Dividend, at the rate of SIX PER CENT. per annum, (free from government tax,) on all sums from $5 to $5,000, will be paid on and after the third MONDAY in January.

DEPOSITS made on or before January 10 will draw interest from the 1st.

Bank open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and on Thursdays from 5 to 7 o'clock.

WM. H. SLOCUM, President.

CHAS. A. WHITNEY, Secretary.

AGENCY ÆTNA INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 72 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, Jan. 3, 1866.

DIVIDEND. A QUARTERLY DIVIDEND OF Five per Cent. free of United States tax, has been declared by the ÆTNA INSURANCE COMPANY, Hartford, payable on demand. New-York stockholders will be paid at this office.

JAMES A. ALEXANDER, Agent.

FOURTH NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, Dec. 29, 1865.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVING decided to make the dividends from March and September to January and July, have this day declared a dividend of 5 per cent, free from government tax, payable Jan. 3. The transfer books will close 20 and open 10th January.

B. SEAMAN, Cashier.

TENTH NATIONAL BANK, No. 240 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 5, 1865.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the banking-house on the second TUESDAY of January next, (9th proximo,) between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

J. H. STOUT, Cashier.

GROCER'S NATIONAL BANK NEW-YORK, Dec. 1, 1865.

AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS OF this Bank, will be held at the Banking-House, on TUESDAY, 9th day of January, 1866, from 12 to 1 o'clock.

SAMUEL WHITE, Cashier.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1865.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the Hudson River Petroleum Company will be held at No. 99 Maiden-lane on TUESDAY, Jan. 9, at 1 o'clock P. M.

SAMUEL L. MITCHILL, Jr., Secretary.

OFFICE OF COMMONWEALTH SILVER MINING COMPANY, No. 30 BROADWAY, Dec. 26, 1865.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of this Company, for the election of Trustees, will be held at the office of the Company on TUESDAY, Jan. 9, from 12 to 2 P. M.

WILLIAMSON BACON, Secretary.

OFFICE MONTAUK S. N. CO., No. 111 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 27, 1865.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of the Montauk Steam Navigation Company has been adjourned to to WEDNESDAY, Jan. 17, 1866, at 1 o'clock P. M., at the office, No. 171 Broadway.

C. W. COPELAND, President.

EIGHTH NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 6, 1865.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of this bank will be held at the banking-house, No. 660 Broadway, on TUESDAY, Jan

SHIPPING.

ULT AMERICAN LINE TO ENGLAND AND FRANCE.

The New-York and Havre Steamship Company's first-class mail steamships ARAGO and FULTON, having been specially outfitted, will leave Pier No. 37 North River, for Havre, sailing at Falmouth, as follows:

FULTON.....JAMES A. GARDNER.....April 21, 1866.
ARAGO.....JAMES A. WOTTON.....Feb. 17, 1866.
FULTON.....JAMES A. GARDNER.....March 17, 1866.
ARAGO.....HENRY A. GARDNER.....April 14, 1866.
And every twenty-eight days thereafter.

PRICES OF PASSAGE IN GOLD.
First cabin.....$120 20 | Second cabin.....$60 00

Through tickets to London, $5 extra.

An experienced surgeon on board.

The company will not be responsible for specie or valuables unless bills of lading, having the value expressed, be signed therefor.

For further information, apply to
ISAAC BELL, President,
No. 7 Broadway, New-York.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.

THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S NEW LINE OF FIRST-CLASS MAIL STEAMERS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.

The first splendid vessels on this favorite route for the months are the following:

WASHINGTON.....3,700 tons.....800-horse power
LAFAYETTE.....3,200 tons.....800-horse power
NAPOLEON III.....3,504 tons.....800-horse power
ST. LAURENT.....(Building).....1,100-horse power
WASHINGTON.....(Building).....Great power.
LAFAYETTE.....(Building).....Great power.
VILLE DE PARIS.....(Building).....Great power.

DEPARTURES FROM NEW-YORK.
Pier No. 50 North River.
WASHINGTON...M. SURMONT.....FRIDAY.....Feb. 2
Carrying only one purser.
EUROPE.....A. DUCHESNE.....FRIDAY.....March 2

PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD.
First cabin, $125; second cabin, $80, including table wine and bedding.

Passengers intending to land at Brest will be furnished here with railroad coupon tickets, and their baggage checked to Paris, at an additional charge of $5 for first and $3 for second class.

Medical attendance free of charge.

For further information apply to
GEO. MACKENZIE, Agent,
Removed from No. 7 to 58 Broadway.
At Paris, 12 Boulevard des Capucines, (Grand Hotel.)
At Havre, WM. ISELIN & CO.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS.

BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT COBH HARBOR.
AND
BETWEEN BOSTON AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT HALIFAX AND COBH HARBOR.

CUBA leaves Boston Wednesday, Jan. 3.
AUSTRALASIAN leaves New-York Wednesday, Jan. 10.
CANADA leaves Boston Wednesday, Jan. 17.
ASIA leaves New-York Wednesday, Jan. 24.
ASIA leaves Boston Wednesday, Jan. 31.
JAVA leaves New-York Wednesday, Feb. 7.

FROM NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL.
Chief Cabin Passage.....$132 50
Second Cabin Passage.....60 00

FROM BOSTON TO LIVERPOOL.
Chief Cabin Passage.....$112 50
Second Cabin Passage.....65 00

Payable in gold, or its equivalent in United States currency.

Berths not secured until paid for.

An experienced surgeon on board.

The owners of these ships will not be accountable for specie or valuables unless bills of lading, having their value expressed therein, are signed therefor.

For freight or cabin passage, apply at the office of the Company, No. 57 Broadway.

C. H. EDWARDS, Manager.

For steerage passage at THOMPSON'S Passage Office, No. 376 Pearl-st., and at the Company's Office, No. 57 Broadway.

AMERICAN LINE TO ENGLAND AND BREMEN.

THE NORTH AMERICAN LLOYD STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S
First-class Mail Steamship
WESTERN METROPOLIS,
(2,600 tons, 1,000 horse power,)
CHAS. HOYER, Commander,
Being thoroughly refitted for passengers for the ocean service, will leave Pier No. 4 North River, calling at Cowes,
On the 17th of MARCH.

Price of passage, payable in gold:
First Cabin.....$125 00
Second Cabin.....62 50
Steerage.....37 50

An experienced surgeon on board.

The Company will not be responsible for specie or valuables unless bills of lading having the value expressed are signed therefor.

Another first-class steamship will leave 31st March.

For freight or passage, apply to
RUGER BROTHERS, Agents,
No. 45 Beaver-st.

STEAM TO LIVERPOOL—CALLING AT Queenstown. The Inman Line, sailing semi-weekly, carrying the United States Mails.

CITY OF MANCHESTER...THURSDAY.....Jan. 11
CITY OF LONDON.....SATURDAY.....Jan. 13
KANGAROO.....WEDNESDAY.....Jan. 17
CITY OF BALTIMORE.....SATURDAY.....Jan. 20

and each succeeding SATURDAY and WEDNESDAY, at noon, from Pier No. 44 North River.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

BY THE MAIL STEAMER SAILING EVERY SATURDAY.
First Cabin.....$80 | Steerage.....$30
First Cabin to London.....86 | Steerage to London.....33
First Cabin to Paris.....106 | Steerage to Paris.....36

PAYABLE IN GOLD.

Passage by the Wednesday steamers: First Cabin, $90; Steerage, $30. Payable in U. S. currency.

Passengers also forwarded to Havre, Hamburg, Bremen, &c., at moderate rates.

Steerage passage from Liverpool or Queenstown, $30 gold, or the equivalent. Tickets can be bought here by persons sending for their friends.

For further information apply at the Company's Offices.
JOHN G. DALE, Agent, No. 15 Broadway, New-York.

UNITED STATES MAIL LINE FOR RIO DE JANEIRO.

CALLING AT
ST. THOMAS, PARA, PERNAMBUCO AND BAHIA
EVERY TRIP.

THE UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY
will dispatch regularly, on the 20th of each month, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 43 North River,
ONE OF THEIR NEW FIRST-CLASS STEAMSHIPS.
THE
NORTH AMERICA,
L. F. TERNERMANN, Commander,
WILL LEAVE
ON MONDAY, THE 29TH OF JANUARY.

An experienced Surgeon is attached to each steamship.

Mail letters must pass through the Post-office.

Large lots of heavy freight at low rates.

For freight or passage apply to
THOMAS ASPENCIO & CO.,
No. 17 Broadway.

FOR HAVANA VIA NASSAU, N. P.

The British and North American Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's new steamer CORSICA, Capt. LIN MESSURIER, will sail for the above ports, from the company's dock, foot of Jersey-st., on
MONDAY, Jan. 15, 1866, and MONDAY, Jan. 29.
Passage money to Nassau.....$45
Passage money to Havana.....50

Passage including board or its equivalent.
No freight received on day before sailing.
For freight or passage, apply to
E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green.

FOR HAVANA DIRECT.

The United States mail side-wheel steamship
COLUMBIA,
D. B. BARTON, Commander,
will leave Pier No. 4 North River, on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 10, at 3 o'clock. P. M., precisely, for Havana direct.
For freight or passage apply to
SPOFFORD, TILESTON & CO.,
No. 29 Broadway.

P. S.—The favorite steamship MORRO CASTLE will succeed the COLUMBIA, and leave on Jan. 17.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C.

PEOPLE'S MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
EMILY B. SOUDER.....Capt. H. LOCKWOOD
MONEKA.....Capt. WM. MARSHMAN
The above splendid steamships will leave every THURSDAY, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 26 North River, invariably landing cargo at Charleston on Monday morning.

The new and elegant steamship
EMILY B. SOUDER,
sails on THURSDAY, Jan. 11, at 3 o'clock P. M.
For freight or passage, with unsurpassed accommodation,
Apply to
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., No. 141 Broadway.
Consignees at Charleston, ARCHIBALD, GETTY & CO. All bills of lading signed on board the ship.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C.

REGULAR UNITED STATES MAIL LINE OF FIRST-CLASS STEAMSHIPS.
GRANADA,
ALHAMBRA,
ANDALUSIA,
SARAGOSSA,
and the QUAKER CITY,
WEDNESDAYS and SATURDAYS,
Will be dispatched promptly at 3 o'clock, from pier No. 14 East River.
Bills of lading signed on board.
For freight or passage, apply to
ARTHUR LEARY, No. 73 William-st.
The New-York built, very fast and new steamship
GRANADA, RODNEY BAKER, Master.
Is now receiving cargo, and will be dispatched on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 10.

FOR MOBILE.

The New-York and Mobile Steamship Company's steamship
EUTAW,
Capt. C. D. COFFIN,
is now receiving freight at Pier No. 6 East River, for MOBILE, and will sail on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 10, at 12 o'clock.
Goes to wharf with all her cargo.
For freight or passage apply to
STARBUCK & WHEELER, Agents,
No. 13 Broadway.

FOR MOBILE DIRECT.

REGULAR LINE.
The first-class steamships
GULF CITY, Capt. JAMES STEWART.
GULF STREAM, Capt. ROBERT MOUNT.
VICKSBURG, Capt. WILLIAM J. MCCORKEL.
MERCEDITA, Capt. H. C. WILLIAMS.
For freight or passage, with superior accommodations, apply to
SMITH & DUNNING,
No. 26 South-st.

Rates freight will be charged on all goods for which bills of lading are not taken out before the steamer sails.

FOR WILMINGTON N. C.—DIRECT.

ATLANTIC COAST MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
REGULAR WEEKLY LINE,
connecting with railroads and steamboats for the interior.
RALEIGH, Capt. WALKER.
ADRIA, Capt. BOUTELLE.
The new and splendid steamship ADRIA will leave her pier, No. 36 North River, for the above port on SATURDAY, Jan. 13, at 3 P. M.
For freight or passage, having unsurpassed accommodations, apply to
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO.,
No. 141 Broadway.
All goods consigned to the agents at Wilmington, Messrs. Morris & Howell, will be promptly forwarded.
Bills of lading signed on board the vessel.

SHIPPING.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S THROUGH LINE

TO CALIFORNIA,

AND CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAIL, leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock noon, on the 1st, 11th and 21st of every month, (except when those dates fall on Sunday, and then on the preceding Saturday,) for ASPINWALL and connecting via Panama Railway, with one of the company's steamships from Panama for SAN FRANCISCO, touching at ACAPULCO.

DECEMBER.
30th. HENRY CHAUNCEY, connecting with SACRAMENTO.

JANUARY.
11th. ATLANTIC, connecting with GOLDEN AGE.
21st. NEW-YORK, connecting with CONSTITUTION.

Departures on 1st and 21st connect at Panama with steamers for SOUTH PACIFIC PORTS; 1st and 11th for CENTRAL AMERICAN PORTS. Those of 1st touch at MANZANILLO.

THROUGH PASSAGE RATES, IN CURRENCY.

	First Cabin.	Second Cabin.	Steerage.
To San Francisco	$300	$200	$100

A discount of ONE-QUARTER from steamers' rates will be allowed to second cabin and steerage passengers accompanied by their families.

Baggage checked through. One hundred pounds allowed to each adult.

An experienced surgeon on board. Medicines and attendance free.

For passage tickets or further information apply at the company's ticket office, on the wharf, foot of Canal-st., North River, New-York.

F. W. G. BELLOWS, Agent.

OPPOSITION LINE TO CALIFORNIA.

EXTRAORDINARY LOW PRICES.

First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.
$225.	$125.	$50.

The Central American Transit Company will sell passage tickets at above rates,

THROUGH TO SAN FRANCISCO,

sailing from New-York on the splendid steamer
SANTIAGO DE CUBA,
JERRY S. HOWLAND, Commander,
from Pier No. 29 North River, at NOON on Jan. 20.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—Apply early for your tickets by a remittance by mail, or at No. 177 West-st., corner of Warren.
C. GARRINGTON, Agent.

OFFICE OF WELLS, FARGO & CO., NEW-YORK AND CALIFORNIA EXPRESS AND EXCHANGE COMPANY, NO. 84 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, SHIPPERS OF FREIGHT TO THE PACIFIC COAST will please take notice that having been appointed Freight Agents Pacific Mail Steamship Company, we are now prepared to receive freights for California, Oregon, Nevada, Washington Territory, Sandwich Islands, Central America and west coast of South America.

For rates apply at our office, No. 84 Broadway, or freight office on dock foot of Canal-st.

Steamers will sail 1st, 11th, and 21st of each month; those dates falling on Sunday, on preceding Saturday.

No shipper's freight received on day of sailing. Freight MUST BE DELIVERED ON DOCK FOOT OF CANAL-ST. Bills of lading will be issued at No. 84 Broadway. Our usual package express will be sent by each steamer, and will close at 10 A. M. on sailing day. Our letter bags will close at 11½ A. M. For convenience of our up-town customers, letter bags will be kept at the Metropolitan Express Office, foot of Canal-st. dock.

OUR PRANKED ENVELOPES will be on sale at the office of the hotel, and at our office, No. 84 Broadway, and Canal-st. dock.

All letters sent through us must be in Government envelopes.

Right Exchange on San Francisco for sale.

Telegraphic transfers of money made to all points reached by the wires on West Coast.

California coupons bought at best rates.

WELLS, FARGO & CO.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

Consignees of freight per Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamers will receive orders for delivery at the office of Wells, Fargo & Co., No. 84 Broadway, upon surrender of their bills of lading.

Goods remaining on the wharf twenty-four hours after discharge will be stored at expense and risk of consignees.

WELLS, FARGO & CO.,
Sole Agents P. M. S. S. Co.

FOR CALIFORNIA VIA PANAMA.—THE Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamer ATLANTIC will leave Pier No. 42, on THURSDAY, Jan. 11.

Freight received as usual.

For tariff of reduced rates, apply at our office, No. 84 Broadway.

SHIPPERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SEND WITH EACH CART-LOAD A DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS, AND MEMORANDUM OF WEIGHT OF EACH PACKAGE.

WELLS, FARGO & CO.,
Sole Freight Agents P. M. S. S. Co.

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA.

FROM PIER NO. 3, NORTH RIVER.
DAILY LINE—SIDE-WHEEL LINE.

The splendid side-wheel steamship SAN SALVADOR, JOSHUA ATKINS, Commander, of the Atlantic Mail Steamship Company's Line, will sail for Savannah, from Pier No. 3, North River, on SATURDAY, Jan. 13, at 3 o'clock precisely.

Freights to all parts of Georgia, Florida and Northern Alabama, forwarded by our agent at Savannah, free of commission.

Rates furnished by the undersigned.

The steamer SAN JACINTO follows on SATURDAY, Jan. 20.

The passenger accommodations of these steamers are unsurpassed. Apply to

GARRISON & ALLEN, Agents,
No. 5 Bowling-green.
B. H. HARDEE.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA., DIRECT.

ATLANTIC COAST MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
WEEKLY LINE
of side-wheel steamers, connecting with railroads throughout Georgia and Florida.

HERMAN LIVINGSTON.....Capt. J. B. BAKER.
NIGHTINGALE.....Capt. WM. BREAKER.
GEN. BARNES.....Capt. THOS. H. MORTON.

The new and splendid side-wheel steamship HERMAN LIVINGSTON leaves on SATURDAY, Jan. 13, at 3 o'clock P. M., from Pier No. 36, North River.

For freight or passage, having unsurpassed accommodations, apply to
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO.,
No. 141 Broadway.

Agent at Savannah, JOHN R. WILDER, who will forward goods intended for the interior.
All bills of lading furnished and signed on board.

FOR SAVANNAH.

G. MURRAY'S WEEKLY LINE.
The first-class steamships
LEO.....MERRIL, Commander.
VIRGO.....BURLEY, Commander.
ZODIAC.....DEARBORN, Commander.
The LEO is now receiving freight at Pier No. 16 East River, and will sail on SATURDAY, Jan. 13, at 3 P. M.
For freight or passage apply to
MURRAY, FERRIS & CO., No. 62 South-st.
OCTAVUS COHEN, Agent, Savannah.

FOR SAVANNAH—PIONEER LINE.

Cabin passage.....$25 | Deck.....$10
The first-class steamship will leave Pier No. 1 North River at 3 P. M. on THURSDAY of each week, landing cargo in Savannah on Monday morning.
The new and first-class steamship
CLASS,
Capt. ROATH,
will leave on THURSDAY, Jan. 11.
For freight or first-class passage apply to
LEWIS L. JONES, No. 17 Broadway.
For deck passage apply on board.
Agents in Savannah, HUNTER & GAMMELL.

NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.

WEDNESDAYS and SATURDAYS.—The New-York Mail Steamship Company's steamship GUIDING STAR, will leave on SATURDAY, Jan. 13, at 3 P. M., from the Company's Pier, No. 46 North River.
For freight or passage apply to
JAMES A. RAYNOR, No. 10 Barclay-st.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.

ATLANTIC AND MISSISSIPPI STEAMSHIP LINE.

FIRST-CLASS STEAMSHIPS AND SUPERIOR ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PASSENGERS.

$40 FIRST CABIN PASSAGE.

The new ocean steamship MISSOURI, JAMES SHERMAN, Commander, is now receiving freight at Pier No. 3, North River, and the proposals must be specific in complying precisely with all the terms. Each bid, to have consideration, must contain the written guaranty of two responsible names, as follows:

"We, the undersigned, hereby agree that should the above bid be accepted, we will give our bond in the sum of five thousand dollars that the contract shall be fulfilled."

The ability of the sureties to respond in the sum of five thousand dollars must be certified by the United States District-Attorney or other proper officer; such certificate to accompany the proposal.

Payment will be received in currency or its equivalent, as soon as funds are received for the purpose.

H. F. CLARKE,
Brevet Brig.-Gen. and A. C. G. S.

RENO OIL AND LAND COMPANY.

PROPOSALS FOR PUTTING DOWN FIFTY OIL WELLS.

Proposals will be received by the above company, at their office at Reno, Penn., until Jan. 20, 1866, for putting down fifty wells on their lands at Reno.

Bidders will make proposals as follows, viz.:

First—For doing all the work and finding engines, fuel, derricks and fixtures.

Second—For doing the work, the company supplying the derricks without machinery.

Third—For doing the work, the company finding everything.

Bidders may stipulate to put down one or more wells. Bids for single wells preferred.

The work must be commenced as soon as practicable after proposals are accepted, and prosecuted energetically day and night until completed.

Address GALUSHA A. GROW, President, or JAMES JENKINS, Superintendent, Reno Oil and Land Company, Reno, Penn.

OFFICE OF CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE GULF,
NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 2, 1865.

SEALED PROPOSALS ARE INVITED and will be received at this office until 12 M. March 1, 1866, for the purchase of sixty-six (66) Camels, the property of the United States, now at Camp Verde, near San Antonio, Texas.

Bids may be made for one or more of these animals.

Each envelope containing a bid should be sealed and addressed, Colonel C. G. Sawtelle, Chief Quartermaster Military Division of the Gulf, New Orleans, La.

The Government reserves the right to reject any bids deemed too low.

Payment to be made in U. S. Currency upon the acceptance of any proposal, and prior to the delivery of the camels to the successful bidders, at San Antonio, Texas.

C. G. SAWTELLE,
Colonel and Chief Quartermaster Military Division of the Gulf, Bvt. Col. U. S. Army.

OFFICE COMMISSARY OF SUBSISTENCE, IN GENERAL CHARGE OF SUBSISTENCE DEPARTMENT, IN DEPARTMENTS OF VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA.
RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 26, 1865.

SALE OF HARD BREAD.—SEALED PROposals, in duplicate, will be received at this office daily, and opened on Wednesdays and Saturdays of each week, for all the surplus hard bread in the State of North Carolina, stored in depots at Newbern, and Morehead City, N. C.

The bread is in boxes of fifty (50) pounds each, and in good shipping order.

All purchases will be delivered on board of transports without expense to the purchaser.

No proposals received for less than twenty (20) boxes, one thousand (1,000) pounds.

Payment required on delivery of the bread, in government funds.

Proposals should be indorsed "Proposals for Hard Bread," and addressed to THOS. C. SULLIVAN,
Brevet Major, and C. S. U. S. A.,
Richmond, Va.

MEETINGS.

AN ADJOURNED STATED MEETING of the New-York County Medical Society will be held at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, corner of 23d-st. and 4th-av., on MONDAY EVENING, Jan. 8, at 8 o'clock.
THOS. C. FINNELL, M.D., Pres't.
ELLSWORTH ELIOT, M.D., Sec.

NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MARINE SOCIETY will be held on MONDAY next, Jan. 8, at 4 P. M., at A. L. Slaughter's Hotel, No. 120 Pearl-st., opposite Hanover-st. Punctual attendance of members is requested.
JOSEPH TINKHAM, Secretary.

AMUSEMENTS.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

THEATRE FRANCAIS.

P. JUIGNET and C. DEFFET.....Managers
WEDNESDAY, Jan. 10, 1866, at 8 P. M.,
SOIREE OPERA COMIQUE.
Mlle. ELVIRA NADDIE,
Prima donna Soprano from the Royal Opera in Brussels,
Mlle. MARGUERITE AYOSTO,
Prima donna Soprano from Mr. Carl Formes' Company,
Mons. ARMAND,
Prime Tenore of Marseilles.

Their first and only appearance this Winter in N. Y.

L'ECLAIR.
Opera comique in 2 acts. Chef d'œuvre by F. Halevy.

LES NOCES DE JEANNETTE.
Opera comique in 1 act, by Victor Masse.

LE REVEIL DE L'ETALIE,
Grand overture by A. Predighan.

Tickets may be obtained at Dardonville's, No. 678 Broadway.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

THE BATEMAN CONCERTS.

Mr. H. L. BATEMAN respectfully announces that the SECOND FAREWELL CONCERT of Mdlle. PAREPA will take place on MONDAY EVENING, Jan. 8.

The PRINCIPAL ARTISTS will contain several morceaux now heard for the first time at these entertainments.

Mdlle. PAREPA: "O Luce di quest' anima," from Linda; Aria from Samson, "Let the Bright Seraphim" (accompanied obligato by Mr. L. LEVY); Prayer from Lurline, by W. V. Wallace—"Sweet Spirit, hear my Prayer;" and (by universal request) "Il Bacio" vocal waltz, by Signor Arditi. By Mr. J. LEVY: "The Exile's Lament," by E. Albert, and the "Love's than Death," by Herr CARL ROSA: "Andante and Finale," from Mendelssohn's Concerto, and Fantasia on themes from Trovatore. By S. P. MILLS: Liszt's grand transcription of themes from Le Sonnambula, and the "Second Tarantelle," by himself. By the ORCHESTRA, under the direction of Herr CARL ANSCHUTZ: "Overture to Oberon," by Weber; Andante from Symphony in B flat, by Mendelssohn; Overture to Fra Diavolo," by Auber; and "Coronation March," from La Prophete, by Meyerbeer.

THE THIRD AND LAST CONCERT will take place on TUESDAY EVENING, on which occasion an entirely new programme will be presented.

NOTICE.—In order to avoid unnecessary pressure at the ticket office, it is earnestly requested that intending visitors will procure their tickets in advance, by which much of the inconvenience of Saturday night may be avoided.

Tickets: One Dollar; Reserved Seats, 50 cents extra.

Tickets to be had at the Academy of Music; Beer & Schirmer's, No. 701 Broadway; Schubert & Co., No. 830 Broadway; W. Fond & Co., No. 387 Broadway; and Root, Anthony & Co., 23 Nassau-street.

BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

TUESDAY, JAN. 9, 1866.

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INTENSELY COLD WEATHER.

The Mercury Below Zero—An Eager and a Nipping Air—The Coldest Sunday for Many Years—Cutaneous Ears, Blue Noses and Frosted Fingers.

The low temperature yesterday was the all-engrossing topic. It kept people generally in-doors, gathered in cosy groups around the parlor fire, and lingering satisfactorily over the soup at dinner. To the few who felt in duty bound to go into the street and brave the cold, brisk stepping was a necessity, and the warmest wrappings seemed to be of little use. In fact the strong wind penetrated the stoutest clothing, nipped the extremities of the body, and produced a dull ache in the centre of the forehead whenever the face was long exposed to its rough salutation. It was altogether too cold for out-door comfort, and churchgoers as well as others who were forced to come out into the streets, hurried along with remarkable agility as if desirous of rapidly disappearing from public notice. At sunrise the sky was gloomy, and it seemed as if we were about to have a heavy fall of snow. At 10 o'clock there was a gentle flurry, just sufficient in quantity to frighten good old people into staying at home, who otherwise would have put on their warm things and ventured to church. The thermometer at this time of the day stood about 14 degrees above zero, but as the wind from the north sprung up, and drove the leaden clouds from overhead, the cold grew more intense, the mercury falling until at 3 o'clock it touched zero, and thereafter it rapidly declined until 5 P. M. where it marked 10 degrees below, at which point it remained at 9 P. M.—the hour at which we are penning these lines—without any sign of immediate change. For those who had courage to face the cutting wind, or whose love for such amusement made them oblivious of every other feeling, there was skating to their hearts content. On all the ponds the ice was strong enough to bear, if need be, the weight of elephants, and no impediment was put in the way of those who wished to skate. Comparatively few, however, were found inclined to avail themselves of the privilege. Perhaps the most disagreeable consequence of the freezing weather was entailed upon those miserable people who were compelled by any cause to ride in the city cars. Of course, just when a liberal supply of straw for the feet would have been doubly appreciated, there was a "plentiful lack" of this cheap comfort. Conductors, too, in cold weather, seem to take a malicious pleasure in holding open the car doors longer than they ought to, particularly while they are collecting the fare from the inevitable biped who will stand upon the front platform, no matter what may be the weather. These miseries of the passengers, causelessly inflicted, have the effect of drying up the milk of human kindness, which otherwise would flow in a stream of sympathy toward the poor driver, who alternately blows on his fingers or flagellates himself like one demented.

The Weather in the Country.

BOSTON, Sunday, Jan. 7.

The weather has been extremely cold to-day, with light snow squalls. At sunrise the thermometer was five degrees below zero, and during the whole day the mercury has remained near zero.

HALIFAX, Sunday, Jan 7—8 P. M.

The weather is bitter cold here.

PORTLAND, ME., Sunday, Jan. 7.

The weather is intensely cold here. Thermometer ten degrees below zero and downward.

BUFFALO, Sunday, Jan. 7.

This is the coldest day of the year. The thermometer indicated 5 degrees below zero this morning. The weather this evening is clear. There is no snow.

ALBANY, Sunday, Jan. 7.

The weather is clear and cold. During the last 24 hours the mercury has ranged from 2 to 12 degrees below zero.

TROY, Sunday, Jan. 7.

The thermometer indicates 10 degrees below zero.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Sunday, Jan. 7.

This is the coldest day of the season, the thermometer 12 degrees below zero. A sharp biting wind prevails. The river is effectually closed. The weather is clear. There was a light fall of snow last night.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Sunday, Jan. 7.

Weather clear and very cold, with indications of snow. Wind northeast.

DETROIT, Sunday, Jan. 7.

Weather clear and cold, blowing hard. The passengers are crossing the river on the ice to-day.

PITTSBURGH, Penn., Sunday, Jan. 7.

Weather clear and very cold. Thermometer 3 degrees below zero.

ST. LOUIS, Sunday, Jan. 7.

Weather clear and cold; river full of ice.

CINCINNATI, Sunday, Jan. 7.

Weather clear and cold; windy; thermometer 6 degrees above zero.

BALTIMORE, Sunday, Jan. 7.

To-day has been the coldest day of the season. There was a slight fall of snow this morning. The wind changed to the westward about noon, the cold increasing in intensity. The thermometer to-night indicates 7 degrees above zero.

PHILADELPHIA, Sunday, Jan. 7.

The weather to-day has been the coldest of the season, the thermometer ranging from 10 deg. to 8 deg. above zero.

BURLINGTON, Vt., Sunday, Jan. 7.

This has been the coldest day of the season; thermometer at sunrise 23° below zero.

NEW-HAVEN, Sunday, Jan. 7.

Thermometer at 11 P. M., 7° below zero.

WORCESTER, MASS., Sunday, Jan. 7.

Cold day here. Thermometer at noon stood at zero; at 10 P. M., 10° below zero.

EUROPEAN NEWS.

Heavy Transactions in American Securities Abroad—The Question of the Annexation of Belgium to France—Spain and Chili—Instructions to Admiral Pareja.

We give the following additional extracts from our European exchanges, received by the steamship *Moravian*:

American Securities Abroad.

London Times' City Article, Dec. 21.

Advices from Frankfort mention that the Bourse in that city had been extremely dull for some time in consequence of the unsatisfactory state of the money market, discount continuing at 5½ per cent., but that as regards American stocks, since the receipt of the President's Message, a most extensive business had taken place, accompanied by a rise of 3¾ per cent., from 66⅞ to 69¾ in two days. The outstanding speculations in the shape of "options" for the end of the year had mainly contributed to this movement, which has carried prices to the point 5 per cent. above those at New York. At the same time the German public generally have resumed purchases in them for investment, and so exclusive is their partiality, that all advertisements for Turkish or other loans, or for shares in any company, prove entirely unattractive. Even for the new Austrian loan, though the price is to be very low, only about 10,000,000 florins have been subscribed at Frankfort; and, notwithstanding the effect of the satisfactory turn affairs appear to have taken in Hungary, the Five per Cent. Nationals are quoted 61—a price lower than they have touched since the Italian war. Money continues to pour in from the country, where the requirements for the produce markets are over, but it is absorbed by the remittances to America.

The Future of Belgium—Will the Little Kingdom be Annexed to France?

From the London Times, Dec. 21.

There is a party in France, there is even, we believe, a party in Belgium, which looks with disfavor on the independent sovereignty which is administered at Brussels. The Belgian Coburgs have doubtless done all in their power to place themselves in accord with their subjects. The new King is said to be an extreme Catholic after the fashion of the priest-guided, convent-building people he has been called to govern. On the other hand, he will, no doubt prove an excellent constitutional monarch, according to the example of his father and his English relatives. But his position will be not the less difficult, and the end of his career no one will venture to predict. There will, we fear, be a "Belgian question" to be added to those which exercise the speculations of European statesmen. The old King is hardly in his grave before the future of the country begins to call forth discussion. One or two French journals have already had significant remarks, but we would call attention more particularly to the tone of the Prussian press. The remarkable article at this moment the *Kreus Zeitung* and other journals which are supposed to indicate the purposes or the wishes of Count BISMARK, have begun to hint at changes which may follow in the little kingdom, while the Liberal organs throw contempt on the suspicion, and declare that there is no danger for the present House, inasmuch as the Belgians value their independence, and that both Germany and England will do their utmost to maintain it. Without attributing too much importance to such a discussion, we may at least say that the circumstance that it has already begun, and is likely to be followed in other capitals than Berlin, shows that Belgium will have need of all the discretion of its rulers and all the forbearance of the French. With regard to the Prussian Government, we only repeat the assertions of the Prussians themselves when we say that there is a suspicion of its purposes. It is said that Count BISMARK and his supporters would not be unwilling to allow France to aggrandize herself to the northeast if Prussia were allowed free scope in Germany. It is doubtful whether the King of Prussia approves such a scheme; we are inclined to think that he does not, and that the indecent haste shown by the so-called Conservative journals of Berlin is rather an indication of their own, or one communicated to them by political men who are desirous of making the idea of annexation familiar to the world. * * * The reign of LEOPOLD II. will be undoubtedly a time of trial to the Belgian nationality. The next few years must decide whether independence be the permanent wish of the people, or whether that attraction which a great nation exercises upon small and kindred people on its frontier will be strong enough to cause Belgium to gravitate to the French monarchy, and finally to fall into it. * * * *

There is undoubtedly a strong attachment to the constitutional liberties which the late King so wisely respected; the people shudder at the doings of French prefects, and the iron enters into their soul when they are obliged, in deference to irresistible power, to expel some unhappy refugee from among them. The educated class prize the institutions they have gained, and the Ultramontanes, though they try the Parliamentary system to the utmost, are probably sincerely attached to it. But the brilliancy of the French nationality cannot but dazzle a large portion of the people. The working classes, and especially the younger men among them, might probably be led without difficulty to acquiesce in annexation. Then there are commercial interests which would be benefited by such a union. The industry of Belgium could not but profit largely by having such markets as forty millions of Frenchmen, not to speak of colonies in all parts of the world, would afford. France, with its increasing trade and accumulating capital, is carrying out industrial enterprises in all parts of Europe, and has even made its way to the New World. Concessions and favors of all sorts from foreign nations welcome the French capitalists, supported, as they are, by a powerful and active government. Consequently, the road to wealth might be made more easy to the Belgian if he formed part of this great community. Then the traveler, wherever he goes, receives substantial benefit from the respect and protection which a French passport insures. There are few countries in the world so thoroughly just and civilized that a Belgian would feel himself as perfectly secure in them as a Frenchman. In short, there are a hundred reasons for wishing to belong to a great nation instead of a little one. Then there is the intellectual influence which France exerts more and more every year. An educated class in Belgium does all it can to maintain the study of the native tongue, and there are not wanting a few authors of merit who still use it. But its decay and extinction for all higher purposes is only a matter of time. French is now the real language of Belgium, and language in such a case must influence nationality. With such opposite forces at work, it cannot be but that the partisans both of independence and incorporation will have reason to hope for success. The question is for the nation to determine as it shall judge best for its own interests; but it would be an outrage on public morality for Prussia, or any other Power, to take advantage of a new reign to embarrass an exemplary government and an inoffensive people.

Spain and Chili—Admiral Pareja's Instructions.

Madrid (Dec. 17) *Correspondence of the London Times.*

"It would seem," says the *Epoca*, the most creditable organ of public opinion in Spain, "that in consequence of the important news lately received from Peru, and with a view to be prepared for any event that may arise in the Pacific, orders have been issued to the Spanish arsenals to be ready with the reinforcements that were to be sent to the squadron under Admiral PAREJA."

Si vis pacem para bellum may be a very safe, but hardly a prudent policy for Spain, under present circumstances. Every day the conviction gains ground in this country that the government has no wish, as it has no means, to go to war; yet every day efforts are made and expenses incurred, by it, in its anxiety to meet the exigencies of eventual war. The Spaniards begin to apprehend that they have thrust their head into a hornets' nest. The final success of the insurgents in Peru, and their old grudge against the Spanish name, have raised considerable uneasiness here, not only lest the Chilians may be less amenable to the counsels of European peacemakers than people hitherto imagined, but also lest it may become necessary to look forward to a general *levée des boucliers* on the part of all the South American Republics. So far as Chili is concerned, the question seemed likely to admit of a very easy solution; all, I am told, that Admiral PAREJA agreeably to the latest instructions sent out to him, had to demand, was—I, on the part of the Chilian Government that throughout the transactions which have led to the present complication, "no offence was ever *meant*" against the Spanish nation or government; 2d, a reëstablishment of amicable relations on the terms fixed by the first and only treaty ever concluded between Spain and Chili, at the end of that war of independence which guaranteed the separate existence of the latter State. Upon these two poin s being settled Admiral PAREJA will close the negotiation with that demand which he originally put forth at its opening in September last—that is, he will insist on that twenty-one guns' salute, the very "pound of flesh," at the bottom of the whole quarrel.

FOREIGN ITEMS.

A gardener in the department of the Nord has discovered a new mode of restoring exhausted asparagus beds. He spread during the Spring 120 pounds weight of common salt over a piece of ground 30 feet long by 6 wide. The asparagus plants, though old and exhausted, produced a crop double what might be expected from the youngest and strongest plants. Although salt is dear in France, the gardener got a handsome profit by it. It seems that the middle of March is the best time to employ the salt.

M. WALUKEFF, head of the Polish educational department, recently held an examination in a Warsaw Grammar School. Among other historical questions he asked a boy, "Were the Romans a quiet people?" "They were very warlike," said the child; "and revolutionary," added the dignitary, "which offended their Czars, as the poles are offending their Czars, and that is the reason why they have disappeared from the face of the earth."

The Cologne Cathedral Chapter having nominated several ultramontane candidates to the ancient Episcopal See on the Rhine, the Prussian Cabinet have not only refused to confirm any of the number, but after vainly seeking the intercession of the Pope, have given the chapter to understand that if the diocese can do without a bishop, the government certainly can.

A correspondent of the London *Morning Advertiser* says that Marshal BAZAINE, in his last dispatches to his government, declared that the French forces in Mexico must be largely reinforced, or withdrawn without delay. Otherwise, adds Marshal BAZAINE, "We shall be driven to the pestilential coast, where sickness will destroy the entire army."

Gen. ESPARTERO is now in his 75th year, but he is hale and strong, with a healthy complexion and an erect bearing; he walks and rides, and is, although residing within the town, always out at his farm, taking as much interest in his potatoes and cabbages as the hermit of Caprera, to whom the Spaniards are so fond of comparing him.

The presence of Prince NAPOLEON at the funeral of M. BIXIO, instead of at the marriage of the Princess ANNA MURAT, has given great offence at the Tuileries, where BIXIO was, during his life, regarded as a formidable enemy of the present dynasty.

OFFENBACH'S new opera, "Les Bergers," which has been brought out at the Bouffes Parisiens, was not very enthusiastically received by the audience. Among the characters is a live cow, which descends from a pasteboard hill, tempted by a piece of bread.

Under the title of *The Question of Women*, a fortnightly magazine is to be published in St. Petersburgh to advocate female education and other rights of the sex. A free school for girls, a reading-room, and workshop are to be connected with the magazine.

M. OLE BULL, the celebrated violinist, has left Sweden for a musical tour to the principal cities of Europe, in each of which he is expected to give a series of concerts.

Sir CHARLES EASTLAKE, who remains at Pisa, is in a very low state. Hardly any hope is entertained of his recovery.

Fires in Troy.

TROY, Sunday, Jan. 7.

The Congress-street Methodist Church took fire from the heater at 9 o'clock this morning, and was damaged to the extent of about $700,

About noon the residence of C. B. BISHOP, in First-street, was almost entirely destroyed by fire, which originated from the same cause. Loss about $5,000.

Fire at Dowagiac, Mich.

DETROIT, Mich., Sunday, Jan. 7.

A fire this morning at Dowagiac, Mich., destroyed property to the value of $70,000, on which there was an insurance of $20,000. Two banks and ten or twelve stores were burned.

Religious Affairs at Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Sunday, Jan. 7.

The Methodist centenary services were largely attended to-day. The general service was held in Caroline-street Church, where Bishop AMES gave a historical sketch of Methodism. Appropriate services were held in other churches.

From San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Saturday, Jan. 6.

Mining stocks are a shade firmer. Savage, $775; Ophir, $338; Chollar Potosi, $150; Imperial, $110; Yellow Jacket, $462 50; Crown Point, $595. Legal tenders, 69¾.

The City of London.

HALIFAX, Sunday, Jan. 7.

The *City of London* sailed this morning for New-York.

Markets by Telegraph.

CINCINNATI, Saturday, Jan. 6.

FLOUR and WHEAT are unchanged. HOGS quiet; city dressed at 11¼c. to 11½c. MESS PORK dull at $26 for city dressed. GREEN MEATS dull. LARD quiet at 17c.@17¼c. for prime. WHISKY steady at $2 24. GOLD, 142¾.

CHICAGO, Saturday, Jan. 6.

FLOUR dull. WHEAT quiet and declined 1c. at $1 22¼@$1 23¼ for No. 1. CORN quiet at 45c.@46c. for No. 1. OATS dull at 24c.@24½ for No. 1. HIGHWINES firm. PROVISIONS dull; MESS PORK declined 25c.@50c. at $24 50@$25; Sweet Pickled Hams at 17c.; Green Hams, at 14¼c.@15.; Lard dull and declined ¼c.@½c. at 16c.@16½c.; Dressed Hogs, at 9¾c.@10c. ₱ lb.; Live Hogs dull, at 8½c.@9c. RECEIPTS—2,300 bbls. Flour, 10,000 bushels Wheat, 19,000 bushels Corn, 23,000 bushels Oats, 20,000 bushels Barley. SHIPMENTS—2,900 bbls. Flour, 2,000 bushels Wheat, 1,400 bushels Oats.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

TRIBUTE TO DR. CUMMINGS.

His Body at the Church—Thousands of People Visit It—The Guard of Honor—The Services To-Day.

Never in his most vigorous health did Dr. CUMMINGS appear more beautiful and attractive physically than now, as he lies in the perfect tranquility of death, robed in the graceful vestments of his office, mourned by thousands of his weeping flock, and guarded by the watchful eyes of his dearest professional and social friends.

The body was taken yesterday at 1 o'clock into the church and placed upon a catafalque at the head of the middle aisle. In the church a temporary altar has been erected, near where the altar formerly stood, and the unfinished portion of the church has been partitioned off. The pillars, organ loft, organ, communion rails and galleries are hung with fine black cloth, relieved by silver fringe and white silk festoons and rosettes. The partition is entirely covered with black merino, bearing in white silk and silver a large cross, with the words:

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

At the base of the chancel are tall silver candlesticks, immediately in front of which is the catafalque, covered with dark velvet and trimmed with silver.

Mr. ALFRED E. LATHENS, the Secretary of the Guard of Honor, has kindly furnished us with the following list of the gentlemen who are on duty by watches at the hours herewith indicated.

THE GUARD OF HONOR.

SUNDAY—ONE TO FIVE P. M.

C. F. De Loosey, G. W. Quintard, W. E. Everett, W. A. Seaver, W. Von Sachs, John Bryan.

FIVE TO SEVEN P. M.

J. Thoron, C. Thoron, P. Badetty, F. Braggiotti, C. C. Churchill, A. W. Whipple.

SEVEN TO NINE P. M.

W. W. Wheatley, W. H. Powell, J. M. Smith, B. Hutton, Walter Magee, A. Arias, Doctor Gouley, Edward Benjamin.

NINE TO ELEVEN P. M.

E. Ponvert, Jr., E. T. Young, T. J. Glover, Mr. Kelley, T. White, C. Marti.

ELEVEN TO ONE MONDAY MORNING.

H. Hoguet, J. P. Quinn, Daniel T. Murphy, Mr. Giraud, J. B. Nicholson, Ed. Chase.

ONE TO THREE A. M.

Mr. Hunt, C. C. Bradhurst, W. H. Field, Louis Ponvert, F. H. Churchill, F. H. McNulty.

THREE TO FIVE A. M.

Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Underhill, A. Hoguet, W. J. F. Dailey.

FIVE TO SEVEN A. M.

Robt. Hoguet, F. McNulty, C. C. Bradhurst, W. H. Field, Jeremiah Devlin.

SEVEN TO NINE A. M.

Mr. Cleveland, J. Barcelo, E. Ponvert, Jr.; Dr. Gouley, Thos. Rivera.

NINE TO ELEVEN A. M.

J. R. Nicholson, Gur. Martinez, H. Hoguet, John Downing, Louis Ponvert, F. McNulty.

Gentlemen forming the guard are requested to be in the Vestry one quarter of an hour before the time for the change of watch. Gentlemen will please be in black dress, with black gloves.

By order,
ALF. E. LAHENS, Secretary.

At the hour appointed the church doors were opened to the 5,000 people who stood outside waiting for the opportunity of looking, for the last time, at the features of their beloved pastor. Placed by Mr. LAHENS, the guard stationed themselves on either side of the body, and the people with uncovered head and reverent mien passed slowly around it. Of every rank and station, of all sorts and conditions were the men, women and children who streamed in and out of the church, but varied as may have been their social positions there was a unanimity of sorrow, a unison of grief which showed them all akin.

The features of the deceased were entirely life-like. Uncolored, unchanged in expression, perfectly pleasant and fairly radiant, so that, but for the solemn stillness, the inexplicable hush of death, one would not for a moment imagine him a member of the vast multitude of travelers who have gone hence never to return. The throng continued unabated, and if there was no interruption during the night, it will not be an over liberal estimate to suggest that 20,000 people will have visited the place, in addition to the thousands who were unable to effect an entrance.

The services of to-day will be of the grandest and most imposing nature, the mass being performed by Rev. Dr. MCGLYNN, and the funeral sermon or oration being pronounced by Rev. Father HECKER, the celebrated Paulist Missionary. The absolution will be given by Bishop MCCLOSKEY, who will also, it is expected, deliver a short address. About two hundred invitations have been issued to the clergy, including six Bishops, to be present on the occasion.

The cultivated musical taste of Dr. CUMMINGS naturally drew toward him and St. Stephen's Church all the vocal celebrities and organists who have visited this country, and they have severally for many years aided in making the office famous throughout the United States. For the solemn occasion of to-day artists without number have volunteered their services, as a last tribute to their late friend, and the music will be given with all the grandeur commensurate with the solemnity of the occasion. BERGE, the organist, has been chosen as director of the requiem, and will preside at the organ. CHERUBINI'S Requiem Mass will be sung by the whole force of the Mendelssohn Union. The only soloist will be ISIDORA CLARK, the distinguished cantatrice, who, by special request of the family of Dr. CUMMINGS, will sing the "Offertory," music by BERCADANTE.

We do not care to anticipate, but we shall be greatly mistaken if the services, aside from the notability of the occasion, *per se*, are not memorable from the beauty and excellence of the musical tribute. At 10:30 o'clock A. M., the services proper of the day will commence, cards of admission having been issued by Rev. Dr. MCGLYNN, the friend and associate of the deceased.

THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

Meeting at the Cooper Institute—Letters from Distinguished Citizens—Speeches of W. C. Bryant, Vicuna Mackenna, and others.

On Saturday evening a meeting was held at the Cooper Institute, for the purpose of reaffirming the Monroe Doctrine and expressing sympathy with the smaller republics on this continent. The hall was appropriately decorated and on a strip of cloth, stretched across the front of the platform, were the words, "Heroic Santo Domingos, Chili, Peru, Mexico. If they have not conquered, they will conquer." And on a draped transparency, the words, "HENRY WINTER DAVIS. His spirit lives with us tonight."

About 8 o'clock Mr. SQUIER entered the hall, accompanied by Mr. W. C. BRYANT, PETER COOPER, E. F. DUNBAR and others, and called the meeting to order, nominating Mr. WM. C. BRYANT as Chairman. The nomination being confirmed, a list of Vice-Presidents was read, including the names of WM. H. WEBB, LEONARD W. JEROME, PETER COOPER, HORACE GREELEY and Major-Gen. ROSECRANS. Messrs. J. R. WHEELOCK, Col. A. H. DUGANNE and others, were appointed Secretaries.

Mr. BRYANT, on taking the chair, said that they had met for the purpose of assuring the Government of their support in resisting such audacious attempts as have recently been made to interfere in the politics of Mexico. Mr. BRYANT also spoke of the decease of the Hon. HENRY WINTER DAVIS, who would have been with them had not death interposed. Mr. BRYANT announced that it was the intention of the committee, after the reading of the resolutions and letters, to adjourn the meeting to some evening when the attendance of gentlemen now detained by business in Washington could be secured.

Mr. SQUIER then read letters from Hon. Montgomery Blair, formerly Postmaster-General; Hon. Reverdy Johnson, and Hon. Jas. Harlan, Senators from California; Hon. Robert Dale Owen, Hon. Daniel S. Dickinson, Hon. R. T. Van Horn of Missouri, Hon. J. Baker of Illinois, Hon. Charles Sitgreaves of New-Jersey, Major-Gen. J. A. Garfield, M. C. from Ohio; Hon. B. F. Wade, Major-Gen. Sickles, Hon. John A. Kasson of Iowa, Hon. Schuyler Colfax, Speaker of the House of Representatives; Hon. Hamilton Ward of New-York, Hon. R. W. Clarke, Hon. Horace Maynard of Tennessee, Hon. Samuel J. Randall, Hon. James H. Lane and Major-Gen. Mussey, all expressing approval of the objects of the meeting, and regretting the inability of the writers to be present on the occasion.

Resolutions were read by Mr. SQUIER to the effect that whereas it had been declared that any attempts of European Powers to extend their system to any portion of this hemisphere would be considered dangerous to our peace and safety; and whereas any attempts to oppress the Republics of America would be viewed as the manifestations of an unfriendly disposition towards the United States; and whereas France has interfered to oppress our sister Republic of Mexico, and Spain to extend her system over Hayti, Chili and Peru; that the United States is bound to establish, if necessary, by force of arms, the great principle of the Monroe Doctrine—that America belongs to Americans; and that by the constant endorsement of this doctrine we have assumed a responsibility towards our sister republics, and an obligation to defend and protect them.

The resolutions being adopted, Mr. THEODORE E. TOMLINSON, after alluding to the death of Mr. DAVIS, said it was necessary for the people to speak out on all great questions, for it was on such questions that great men were always timid. Cabinet ministers and high officials wait for the popular voice. Of international law, the speaker said that there was really no international law, for there was no arbiter except the conscience of the people. Our Secretary of State had gone, it is said, on a voyage to the South, and probably would visit MAXIMILIAN, and say to him the thousand things that might look awkward on paper. It was time to prevent any more monarchies from being planted on our shores. To England he would say: Beware! beware! If she encourages France to establish a monarchy in Mexico, she would find ere long the green flag of Ireland waving on the Irish shore.

Mr. SQUIER then read a resolution indorsing the action of the Republic of Chili, and complimenting her on the brilliant success which has crowned her first contest with the Spanish forces.

Señor VICUNA MACKENNA, of Chili, was then introduced, and after thanking them for the adoption of the resolution relative to his native land, said that for fifty years Chili had striven to establish republicanism against the schemes of the European monarchs. Americans had been educated in liberty by their fathers and teachers, but in Chili their teachers had been their haughty conquerors, who taught them to cut each others throats and to glorify the words of CORTES and PIZARRO. The speaker concluded by saying "we have a Monroe Doctrine of our own South American—a Monroe Doctrine supported not by orators in public halls nor by articles in newspapers, but enforced at the point of the sword. [Applause.] It baffled the schemes of WALKER, the filibuster, on more than one occasion has baffled the European monarchs in their aggressive designs. We understand the Monroe Doctrine to mean not invasion, but protection—to mean simply this: that the Kings and Emperors of Europe will not be permitted to interfere with republican institutions on this continent."

Señor MACKENNA concluded his address amid a perfect storm of applause.

Mr. SQUIER then read a resolution endorsing the policy of President JOHNSON, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. S. S. COX was the next speaker. He referred to the death of Mr. WINTER DAVIS, with whom he served in the last Congress, and said he hoped a convention of Republics will be held at Panama, including the Republic of Cuba, and that there the great nations of Europe may receive a lesson. Had we taken decided steps at once, MAXIMILIAN would never have come to Mexico, but now our own troubles being ended, here should have time to look at this question and to set tle it decisively.

The meeting then adjourned, subject to the call of the Chair.

PUBLIC NUISANCES.

The Municipal Dumping Ground—The Consummation of Insalubrities.

Loud and frequent complaints are made, even during the present season of the year, respecting the condition of affairs on the city dumping ground, near the foot of Twelfth-street, on the North River. A visit to the neighborhood would probably not fail of convincing the most skeptical person that the complaints referred to are not groundless. We have been there, and we are no longer in doubt on this point. We don't wonder that people grumble about the dumping ground; and only marvel that they confine their dissent to mildly drawn letters addressed to the respectable press of the city, which probably those who have custody of the evils com lained of never see.

It is beyond the scope of human limitations to comprehend the idea of a national army, or a national debt, or any other great total composed of an immense number of little parts, and the human mind always totally fails to adequately realize, in one intellectual effort, the greatness of that which is beyond its power to grasp and hold. In like manner, and by the effect of the same limitations, it is impossible to understand, or even describe the operation of cleansing a large city. Of course, there will not be wanting enough people to say, just here, that we of New-York cannot, by any possibility, be expected to know anything about a clean city, because it is something we have never seen unless we have been away from home; but our remark is designed to apply to all cities, and is used in no offensive sense. Details aside, however, it is sufficient for our present purpose if the reader understand, as the merest novitiate cannot fail to do, that the filth and refuse of any paved town, even if of inconsiderable size, must of necessity be not small in amount; and if the notion of the quantity of foul matter yielded by this city can, by this or any effort at comparison, be but faintly and imperfectly arrived at, we can perhaps get a better conception of the nuisance here to be exposed, in the statement that a very great part of the offal which is gathered (and of the immense quantities ungathered we will not speak,) is carried in carts to the foot of Twelfth-street, North River, and there dumped in heaps; the component parts of which, as they lie festering and rotting under the visitations of the elements, are, after the manner of filth, cyclopedic; comprising every known element and combination of elements of garbage and fecal matter—old boots, oyster shells, decayed tin-ware, stable-sweepings, street mud, dead cats, house offal, &c., &c., *ad libitum, ad infinitum*.

In the mountainous form—for it can scarcely be fitly alluded to in any term less significant, to such heights do the continued deposits rise—the accumulation of the dumping carts usually remains for many days, often during several weeks, before the boats take it away to its place of final deposit, where it is considered a fertilizing agent of great value, and is, therefore, most appropriately, buried. During the time of delay spoken of the entire tract of land used for dumping purposes, a lot as big as the City Hall Park, or nearly so, becomes one stupendous and fearful nuisance, emitting effluvia heavily charged with the seeds of death, and offending the nostrils of the people to a degree wholly incompatible with comfort or health. Like many of the institutions of New-York, and in fact, most of it, such institutions not controlled by a power from without our own borders, this one of the dumping ground needs looking after. For, with the mild Winter we are now having suguring most unfavorably for the sanitary footings-up of the next Autumn, and with the wafting over the entire central and northwestern part of the town, by the mild breezes of another Summer, of the hideous exhalations from those Egyptian pyramids of filth; and the continuance of the slaughter-houses; and the defective sewerage, and a few more of the evils and abuses we groan under; and we may as well all begin seasonably to get our lives insured, make our wills, and prepare for a tranquil passage between the world of time and that of the future. This is no jesting, but, on the contrary, the foregoing are but the baldest facts, and the most logical and summary conclusions. How much may come of this ventilation of the dumping ground, no one can tell; but like the pioneer work in the antislavery movement, it can do no harm to "agitate, agitate;" and this much we mean to do persistently, sincerely and at all proper times.

FRAUDS ON THE GOVERNMENT.

Seizure of Plates for Printing Spurious Cigar Stamps—Arrest of Five Persons Implicated in the Transaction.

We have for some time past been in possession of information relating to the issue in this city of spurious revenue stamps, but have refrained from making it public at the request of the officers of the government.

About two months ago, Mr. ISAAC HARVEY, Revenue Inspector, whose office is at No. 83 Cedar-street, became aware that large quantities of cigars were being thrown on the market in boxes which bore spurious revenue stamps. He at once put some of his subordinates at work, who, after a number of unsuccessful attempts to get hold of some of the stamps from first hands, were at last successful. Capt. YOUNG, of the detective force, was then communicated with, and he placed Detectives WILSON and SLOWEY at the disposal of Mr. HARVEY. The officers, by his directions, followed up the case for about two weeks, when, on the 30th of December, everything being ready, they arrested one JOSEPH HECHT, a cigar dealer, and from hints let drop by him, another cigar dealer named WM. FRANKLER, doing business in Maiden Lane, was taken into custody. These arrests led to the subsequent capture of JACOB FUCH, a very sly bird, who was not to be found when wanted. In fact FUCH was in Washington at the time, and it was only by stratagem that his presence was secured in this city. He was however, induced to visit New-York, and while taking a walk with a friend on Tuesday morning last, was suddenly accosted by Detective SLOWEY, who claimed the honor of his acquaintance, and insisted on accompanying him. While in SLOWEY's company, FUCH, seeing that the game was nearly played out, stated that he had never manufactured spurious stamps, but had procured them of a type-setter named WITZCHELING, who had a place of business in Chatham-street. In the meantime Capt. STEERS, of the Thirteenth Precinct, Sergt. WHITMORE, and Detective MCCLEOD had obtained some information relative to WITZCHELING, and they arrested him at his house, No. 22 Orchard-street. The prisoner, who was greatly alarmed, said that he had never printed any of the stamps, but that RANDALL & BLOMEKE, of No. 166 William street, were the guilty parties. The officers proceeded to the place indicated and there found BLOMEKE at work, who immediately made what he declared to be a full confession, stating that he had printed only 500 impressions from the plate—about 2,500 stamps in all; that he had destroyed the plate by placing it in the furnace, and declared that his partner, Mr. RANDALL, was entirely innocent, he (BLOMEKE) printing the stamps after the regular hours of business.

All the parties were taken before United States Commissioner OSBORN, and held to bail. Their examination is set down for Tuesday next.

After the confession of BLOMEKE Detective MCLEOD set to work, and on the 4th inst. he succeeded in finding the partially-destroyed plates from which the spurious stamps had been printed. The plates are electrotypes from wood cuts. The portions recovered show evident traces of having been subjected to the action of fire. This discovery also led to another, namely, that the first issue of cigar stamps, printed in green ink, had been forged, a portion of the spurious plates coming to light while the search for the new plates was in progress. The officers of the Government were not previously aware that the old stamps had ever been forged. The party engaged in baking the electrotypes was also discovered, but he stated that he was not aware of the use to which the stamps were to be put, and that all he did was to make electrotypes from the wood cuts furnished him. He will be used as a witness.

From a careful examination of the spurious and genuine stamps, one is quite unable to determine which is the imitation, so nearly do they resemble each other. The only difference is in the length, it appearing by careful measurement that the spurious stamp is one-eighth of an inch longer than the genuine. A sample of the spurious stamps was forwarded to Washington some time ago, and also to the printer, and both the government authorities and the printer gave it as their opinion that the stamps were genuine. It may be stated that both are very inferior specimens of engraving or rather wood cutting.

Mr. HARVEY has now under seizure 200,000 cigars, the boxes of which bear the spurious stamps. The penalty for selling or being engaged in the counterfeiting of U. S. stamps is a fine of $1,000 and five years' imprisonment.

It appears that the manner in which the cigar stamps are disposed of by the government agents is open to fraud. The stamps, which are worth $1 each, are not sold, but are placed on the boxes by a Government Inspector, and signed by him. The dealer gives a bond to the government, and when he disposes of the cigars he pay for the stamps. It is expected that some rather curious developments may come out on the trial of the parties implicated. It is supposed that the government has been a loser to the extent of $1,000 per day during the time the spurious stamps have been in circulation.

The officers engaged in tracing up and arresting the guilty parties appear to have acted with great energy and discretion, and will doubtless receive some substantial token of the government's appreciation of their services.

Pew-Renting in Plymouth Church.

The annual rental of pews in Plymouth Church (Rev. HENRY WARD BEECHER,) will take place next Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock. In announcing this fact to his congregation yesterday morning, Mr. BEECHER said that the members of Plymouth Church Society would meet on that evening for their "annual festivity;" upon which occasion all those now holding pews would give them up cheerfully, and secure such others as it would be their fortune to get. He said that he had been frequently asked why the pews were sold in this manner, as some would like to keep their seats uninterruptedly from year to year. But such had not been their economy. There were some who at times would not be able to obtain so expensive a seat as they would desire, but who would have the means another year. Then there were many who, on account of the demand for seats were unable to get such a one as suited them, and who ought to have a chance the next year. He said that it would be very pleasant for the members of the society to come together in that way, and the social intercourse would be enjoyed; but the business of the evening would be the renting of the pews. There will be no postponement on account of the weather.

Twenty-second Regiment Promenade Concert.

The members of the gallant and amusement-loving Twenty-second Regiment National Guard, gave another of their promenade concerts on Saturday evening, at their spacious and handsome armory, in Fourteenth-street. This makes the fifth concert of the present series. The following was the programme of the evening, which was admirably interpreted by the regimental band, under the leadership of T. J. DODWORTH: Quickstep, "Alexandria;" Aria from Puritani, "A te o cara;" overture, "Allessandro Stradella;" polka, "Leap-Year;" cavatina, "Fra Poscuri;" promenade, "Sorgenbrecher Walts," grand finale from "La Juive;" overture, "Poet and Peasant;" lied, "Lob der Thrane," "Harlequin" polka, quickstep, "Louisen," Josephine Galop. Owing to the weather, the multiplicity of balls and social hops, of late, and the attractions of the Bateman concert at the Academy of Music, the fifth promenade concert of the Twenty-second Regiment was not so well attended as has hitherto been the rule. Still there were a large number of the numerous friends of the regiment present, who made the tour of the drill rooms, and enjoyed the music.

Centenary Celebration of the Establishment of the Methodist Church in America.

SERMON BY REV. HENRY J. FOX.

Yesterday being the centennary of the establishment of Methodism upon this continent, Rev. HENRY J. FOX, of the Central Methodist Episcopal Church in Seventh-avenue, addressed his congregation, after the opening morning services, on the doctrines, polity and progress of the church, taking for his text the following selections from the 48th and 87th Psalms:

"Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof."

"Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following."

"The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob."

"And of Zion it shall be said, this and that man was born in her."

"The Most High shall count when he writeth up the people, *that this man* was born there. Selah."

Regarded, said the preacher, as applying with peculiar significance to the Church of God, we are here exhorted to make her beauty and strength the basis of historical record. The reverend gentleman then proceeded to give the Episcopalian and Presbyterian theories of the Church, and the Methodist, as set forth in the articles of faith, afterward entering into an exposition of the doctrines and polity of the Methodist Episcopal Church, dwelling at large upon that which is peculiar to that denomination and sketched briefly its history from the year 1766 to the present time, eulogizing Captain Webb, Robt